



FLOCK THE VOTE

New Yorkers cast a blizzard of ballots Saturday as polls opened in the Empire State for the start of early voting. Some, like these Manhattanites outside Madison Square Garden, waited for hours to get inside, and joined the more than 57 million Americans elsewhere who have already voted with Election Day still 10 days away.

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Massive lines on first day of early NYC voting



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Vet students show sexy side for charity

Ee-i-ee-i-ohhh!

Ducks and chicks and geese better scurry from these cheeky Australian veterinary-school students, who stripped off their lab coats, and then some, to pose for a charity calendar.

With a backside here, and a backside there — everywhere a backside! — the Veterinary Student Nude Calendar 2021 sure beats a Farmer's Almanac in predicting a bountiful 12 months to come.

Money ponied up for the calendars will benefit farmers hard-hit by Australia's devastating 2019-2020 bushfires.

"We can ship all over the world!" assures the project Web site, BumsForTheBush.com.

The beautifully photographed calendar features strategically positioned hats and farm equipment, and highlights the countryside's spacious skies without revealing too much of the am-

ber waves of groin . . . er, grain.

Creating the annual nude calendars is a decade-long, charitable tradition at the Sydney School of Veterinary Science, according to the project Web site.

But this year, COVID-19 restrictions made things challenging for the third-year students and crew who participated.

"After careful planning to adhere to the current NSW COVID-19 regula-

tions, the models were split up into small groups under 15 people that stayed separate throughout the day," the Web site says.

The veterinarians-in-training also want the public to know that no animals were harmed. But embarrassed? Maybe.

Calendars cost about US \$17 — and can be pre-ordered by e-mailing nudecalendarcommittee@gmail.com.

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Meredith Schofield/MEGA

'Handmaid' baby-nix plot vs. Britney? NJ: State we love to hate

Britney Spears' makeup artist says there is a "Handmaid's Tale"-style plot to keep her from having a baby with boyfriend Sam Asghari.

Speaking on the podcast "Calababes" this past week, celebrity cosmetician Maxi

said the pop star's strict conservatorship is preventing her from marrying Asghari, whom she's been dating since 2016.

"I can tell you what they're still controlling to this day is whether she has a baby or not, whether she

gets married or not, who her friends are, and those are some big things," Maxi said, according to US Magazine. "We're talking about some 'Handmaid's Tale'-type things to keep her from having a baby."

Spears, 38, has been under

a tight conservatorship run by her father, Jamie Spears, 68, for 12 years.

An online movement dedicated to exposing the constraints put on the singer by using the hashtag #FreeBritney spread this summer.

Marisa Dellatto

The polls are in and it turns out New Yorkers were right all along: New Jersey is the most hated state in America.

According to calculations by BestLife magazine, only 28 percent of New Jersey's population has "state pride," and it is loathed most by people in New

York, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut — giving it a "hatred index" of 818.

The Hatred Index was formed by "calculating the percentage of the population that has recently moved out of each state" combined with a Gallup Poll measuring state pride. *Paula Froelich*

A Saturday of drive-by slapdowns

President Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden traded attacks at their rallies on the campaign trail Saturday.

As Trump hopscotched through three battleground states — North Carolina, Ohio and Wisconsin — Biden trained his fire on Pennsylvania, which he aims to take back for the Democrats after Trump's surprise 2016 win there.

But at two drive-in rallies in the critical swing counties of Bucks and Luzerne, Biden was met with scores of Trump fans who lined the roadways with campaign flags and shouts of "Go home, Joe!"

"We don't do things like those chumps out there with the microphones, those Trump guys," an irritated Biden told his supporters at Bucks County Community College — all of them ensconced inside about 130 cars to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Trump, at a non-socially-distanced rally in Lumberton, NC, ridiculed his rival's "tiny little crowds."

"There were so few cars, I've never seen an audience like this," Trump said. "You just heard a couple of horns going 'honk honk.' It's the weirdest thing."

Biden defended his limited-capacity events.

"I don't like the idea of all this distance, but it's necessary," he told the Bucks County crowd. "We don't want to become super-spreaders." *Mary Kay Linge*

Bam's man lauds DJT

Former Obama White House adviser Van Jones came to President Trump's defense Friday, saying the brash billionaire did "good stuff for the black community," and didn't get the credit he deserved for his work on criminal justice reform.

"Donald Trump — and I get beat up by liberals every time I say this, but I'm gonna keep saying it — he has done good stuff for the black community," Jones said on CNN, where he is a frequent contributor. "Opportunity zone stuff, black college stuff. I worked with him on criminal justice stuff. I saw Donald Trump have African American people, formerly incarcerated, in the White House." *Jon Levine*

NYers VOTING



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By MELISSA KLEIN,
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Nearly 94,000 New Yorkers flocked to the polls Saturday for the first-ever start of early voting in a presidential race, willing to wait hours to cast ballots in one of the most contentious campaigns ever.

More than 400 voters were queued up outside Madison Square Garden an hour before doors opened at 10 a.m. By mid-afternoon, the NYPD said 5,000 people were on line.

Blocks-long lines were reported outside the Barclays Center and in Williamsburg in Brooklyn, and in Harlem, as well as the Queens neighborhoods of Astoria and Bayside.

New York, which began offering early voting only last year, is among the last states to start the process for this election. Maryland will begin early voting Monday and the District of Columbia Tuesday.

In Brooklyn, 29,411 people voted; in Manhattan, 19,877; Queens, 19,223; The Bronx, 14,927 and Staten Island, 10,391.

With 10 days to go before Election Day, more than 57 million Americans have voted, either in person or by mail, the US Election Project reported late Saturday. That's more than all of those who voted early in 2016.

In Florida, more than 5.2 million people have voted already, a number that exceeds the 4.61 million who voted for President Trump in 2016, according to a Newsweek report.

Many New Yorkers said they were voting early because they feared fraud or didn't trust the post office to handle absentee ballots.

Actor Timothée Chalamet was among the throngs at the Garden, emerging shortly before 4 p.m. wearing a baseball cap and a blue mask.

"I'm here because I'm trying to take part, like everybody else, in saving this democracy," he said after posing for photos with fans. "Everybody vote! Everybody vote!"

Brooklyn resident Lindsey Grossman, 35, said she cleared

Early-bird Don: I pick me!

President Trump is one vote closer to victory in the all-important battleground state of Florida — after casting his own ballot there Saturday.

The president, who changed his official address from New York to the Sunshine State last year, took advantage of Florida's early-voting law to mark his ballot in person at the Main Library in West Palm Beach. He spent Friday night at his nearby Mar-a-Lago resort after spending the day on the campaign trail in his new home state.

"I voted for a guy named Trump," he told reporters.

"But it's an honor to be voting," he said. "It was a very secure vote, much more secure than when you send in a ballot, I can tell you."

A small crowd of supporters was there to greet him, waving Trump campaign banners and American flags.

Florida and its 29 Electoral College votes is a must-win for Trump, who took it by a single percentage point in 2016.

Polls show Democrat Joe Biden with a slim — though narrowing — 1.5-percentage-point lead in Florida, according to RealClearPolitics. *Mary Kay Linge*



AFP via Getty Images

WITH THEIR FEET

her day and came to the Barclays Center with her husband to vote for Joe Biden. "We are gonna do what it takes," Grossman said.

It took nearly four hours before the couple was done. "It was worth the wait," Grossman said. "We would do it again."

Raheem Allah, 68, arrived at 7 a.m. "I have seen 12 broken mailboxes in my neighborhood. They are literally open. I don't trust them," said Allah, who is backing Biden over Trump.

The atmosphere was festive,

with the Brooklyn United Marching Band performing outside. Inside were bowls of wrapped candy for voters, who could also take home the pens they used. The measure was one of many accommodations to prevent the spread of coronavirus, along with hand sanitizer and plexiglass dividers between workers and voters.

Masks were mandatory. William Nevers, 45, showed up at Holy Child R.C. Church on Staten Island wearing one bearing the

name "Trump." He was promptly asked to turn it inside out to adhere to electioneering rules.

"I came early because I didn't want to stand in line, standing so close to people," said a local resident named Cecilia who was at the church at 8 a.m. to vote for Trump. "I think it's an important election. Everyone should get out and vote and let's see what happens."

Election officials expect up to 60,000 people to vote at MSG, which like the Barclays Center is

being used for the first time as a polling site. They, like 86 other early-polling sites, will be open daily through next Sunday. They will then close for a day and reopen on Election Day, Nov. 3.

The lines were so long that some voters gave up. One man, after seeing 300 people on a line snaking around Queens Borough Hall, said he would return Sunday or during the week. He suggested the city Board of Elections keep polling places open later than the current 4 p.m. closing time.

Officials have pushed people to do early in-person voting as the Board of Elections is swamped with processing and counting absentee ballots.

The city's Campaign Finance Board projects as many as 3.3 million New Yorkers will vote, a turnout of 70 percent. The absentee ballots won't be counted until after Election Day. The count from early voting will be tallied after polls close on Nov. 3.

Additional reporting by Sam Raskin and Larry Celona

Huge turnout on first day to cast early ballot



DEMOCRACY ON THE LINE: People queue up around the Big Apple on Saturday — including above in Brooklyn — on the first day of early voting for the presidential and local elections.

THE BIDEN FILES

Grilling for Web 'slight' Tech CEOs to DC

By JON LEVINE

The tech bosses are coming to Washington — after the presidential election.

Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg and Twitter's Jack Dorsey have agreed to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee after Nov. 3 to answer questions about why The Post's bombshell reporting on Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings was censored or suppressed on their sites.

The news was first reported in a terse press release by the committee.

Dorsey (upper inset) and Zuckerberg (lower inset) will sit for lawmakers' questions on Nov. 17.

The committee had voted on Thursday to serve them subpoenas. That vote was held up earlier last week by unidentified Senate Republicans who worried about the "timing and scope of the maneuver," Politico reported.

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) previously told Politico that the two CEOs would be called up before the election.

Zuckerberg and Dorsey are also scheduled to tes-

tify alongside Google CEO Sundar Pichai before the Senate Commerce Committee on Oct. 28.

That hearing will focus on Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act — which broadly protects tech companies from liabilities over how they moderate content on their platforms.

The Post's official Twitter account has been suspended since the newspaper broke the Hunter Biden revelations on Oct. 14.

Twitter briefly prevented users from sharing the article on its platform before backing down.

"We can't complete this request because this link has been identified by Twitter or our partners as being potentially harmful," read a message Twitter users received when they tried to do so.

Facebook brass also said they would limit the visibility of the piece.

"I will intentionally not link to the New York Post [story]," said Andy Stone, a Facebook spokesman. "In the meantime, we are reducing its distribution on our platform."

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Biden clan's international

By PETER SCHWEIZER
and SEAMUS BRUNER

THANKS to three brave Americans, we now know that Joe Biden has long misled the public about his involvement with his family's foreign business entanglements while he served as vice president.

At considerable personal risk, former Biden-family business partners Tony Bobulinski and Bevan Cooney and computer-shop owner John Paul Mac Isaac have come forward with tens of thousands of primary-source documents — internal corporate records, e-mails and text messages — detailing years of business dealings that centered on trading on the Biden name. This material suggests that, despite Joe Biden's insistence that he knew nothing about his family's business deals, he was well aware of his son Hunter Biden's business ventures in China, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and elsewhere.

These new troves constitute hard evidence of Biden family corruption and confirm our reporting dating back to our 2018 book, "Secret Empires."

In 2018, when we first broke the foreign-influence scandals that have now engulfed the former vice president, it seemed apparent that China and Ukraine were not paying Biden's family members for their expertise, they were buying access to the vice president of the United States. This was never a scandal solely about Hunter or Joe's brothers, James and Frank. It was, and has always been, a Joe Biden scandal.

For nearly three years, Joe Biden and his surrogates have responded to the scandal with an increasingly unconvincing series of denials — including another from the former vice president in his last debate with President Trump.

In response to "Secret Empires," one of Joe Biden's aides said, "We aren't going to engage on a politically motivated hit piece." Team Biden did not bother to respond to specific allegations that the Biden family vacuumed up millions, in the exact locales where Biden was Obama's policy "point man."

When the issue reemerged during the campaign, Team Biden continued to call it a "conspiracy theory," but this time, Joe Biden firmly put himself on record. "I have never discussed with my son or my brother or anyone else anything having to do with their businesses — period," he told reporters in August 2019.

"I never talk with my son or my brother or anyone else in the distant family about their business interests, period." He repeated similar blanket

denials on numerous occasions.

These denials all proved to be untruthful. Period.

We now know that Joe Biden met directly with his son's Chinese business partner, Jonathan Li, in a Chinese hotel lobby on a fateful trip in 2013 (a trip that allowed Hunter to spend hours with his father, the vice president, on a transoceanic flight to Beijing aboard Air Force Two). Ten days later, Hunter landed an unprecedented \$1 billion private-equity deal, bankrolled by the Chinese government.

But this was not the only meeting Joe Biden had with Biden family business partners. As the New York Post reported, e-mails on Hunter Biden's

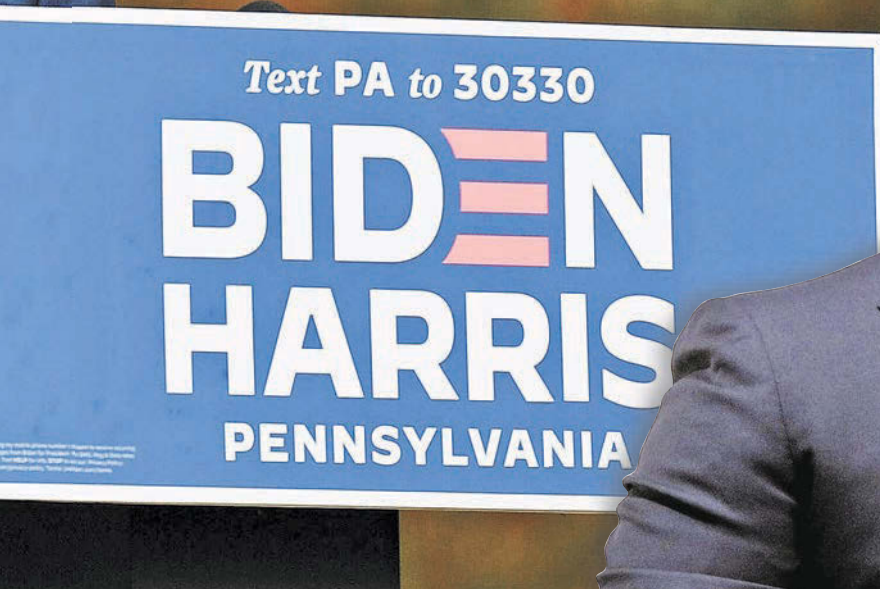
SCANDAL LOOMS: Joe Biden campaigns in Bristol, Pa., on Saturday as he faces allegations linking him to the overseas dealings of son Hunter (far right) and Hunter's former business partner Tony Bobulinski (near right).



hard drive reveal that on April 16, 2015, Joe Biden met with a high-level official of a controversial Ukrainian energy company, Burisma, which had put Hunter on its board. And a recently unearthed photo shows that Vice President Biden met with Hunter's Kazakh business associate in Washington, DC.

After first dismissing the gathering scandal as a "conspiracy theory," the Biden team shifted to the position that Joe had never talked with his family about their business dealings, then shifted again to the position that he had never met with his family's business partners. Now, with the latest document revelations, Joe Biden un-

illegal schemes impossible to deny. Traitor Joe's foreign dealing clear



veiled his latest defense in the recent debate: "I have not taken a single penny from any country whatsoever, ever."

Team Biden points to Joe and Jill Biden's tax returns as evidence that Joe did nothing improper. It is worth noting that the family members upon whom foreign entities showered money are not required to disclose their finances.

WE now know the Biden paydays were anything but conspiracy theories. Hunter was getting roughly \$1 million per year from Burisma. Treasury Department alerts re-

veal that Russian oligarch Elena Baturina wired \$3.5 million to Biden's interests. New text messages reveal that China Energy Company Ltd. (CEFC) apparently paid \$5 million to the Biden family. Another e-mail indicates Hunter demanded a \$10 million per year "fee" from one of his Chinese business partners. There is no more doubt.

The New York Post broke news last week that Joe Biden himself may have benefited from his son's dealings. The Post quoted a cryptic message from one of Hunter's partners saying, "10 [percent] held by H for the big guy?" The recipi-

ent of that message, Tony Bobulinski, says "there is no question" that "H" stands for Hunter and the "big guy" is Joe Biden.

We gain further insight into the operations of Biden Inc. in e-mails provided to us by Bevan Cooney, a former business associate of Hunter Biden. Cooney, who is currently in prison for his role in the Indian Bond Scheme that is sending Hunter Biden business partner Devon Archer also to jail, shared 26,000 e-mails that show what Hunter's role was in their business ventures. The Biden name was considered "currency" for their foreign business ven-

tures, and was a "direct . . . pipeline" to the Obama-Biden administration. Deals involving Hunter benefited from the "Biden lift," the help that the name would provide in overseas dealings.

WHAT might the Bidens' foreign benefactors have expected in return for all this largesse? We can't say. But some may see a correlation between that foreign money and Joe Biden's policy posture toward the sources of that money.

Consider the case of the Penn Biden Center, a DC think tank named after Joe Biden. According

to the center, its mission is to "Address Threats to the Liberal International Order." The center analyzes the threats of "Russia" and "climate change" in detail. But China — the largest violator of basic human rights on the planet — does not make the list. Why?

Perhaps we now know why.

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DOE yanks up-&-down attendance data

By SUSAN EDELMAN

Taking attendance

The city Department of Education quietly posted a total attendance rate of 87.8% for 1,606 schools recorded on Oct. 22, calling it a “preliminary report.” The data includes both remote and in-person rates.

- 59 schools reported less than 50% in-person attendance
- 213 schools reported less than 75% in-person attendance
- 777 schools reported 75% to 99% in-person attendance
- 152 schools reported 100% in-person attendance
- 124 schools shut down because of COVID-19 outbreaks
- 339 open DOE schools reported NO in-person data.

Source: NYC DOE

Who’s in? Who knows



Paul Martinka

MIA: The DOE on Thursday posted, then deleted, information on remote and in-person attendance levels.

The city Department of Education is playing peek-a-boo with its school attendance data — which is all over the map, The Post has learned.

While Mayor de Blasio on Thursday told reporters he had no attendance data to report, the DOE quietly posted a total attendance rate of 87.8 percent for all 1,600 schools on that same day.

For the first time since schools opened a month ago, the listing gave figures for both remote and in-person attendance on Oct 22.

Minutes after The Post asked about the data, it was yanked, suggesting it was posted by accident in the first place.

However, a spreadsheet downloaded before it was taken down shows that student attendance varies wildly among schools.

In-person attendance is supposed to track students who come to school one to three days a week, learning online the other days.

The DOE data show 59 schools reported in-person attendance of less than 50 percent, with PS 165 Robert E. Simon in Manhattan posting the lowest rate, 8.67 percent. The school cited 86.3 percent online attendance.

Another 213 schools reported in-person attendance of less than 75 percent, and 777 schools reported 75 percent to 99 percent of students showing up.

Stunningly, 152 schools reported 100 percent in-person attendance.

At one of those schools, Francis Lewis HS in Queens, teacher Arthur Goldstein called the figure “ridiculous,” pointing out that Francis Lewis gives its 4,500 students all-remote instruction. Students may come to school one or two days a week only for tutoring.

Goldstein said, “No school ever has 100 percent attendance. Students get sick, students have other issues. Even before COVID, we never had 100 percent attendance. It’s impossible.”

Francis Lewis listed remote attendance at 94 percent.

In addition, 463 schools did not report any in-person attendance

data, marking “N/A” instead.

Of those, 124 schools in Brooklyn and Queens were ordered shut because they are located in COVID-19 “hot spots.”

But that left 339 open schools reporting no in-person data at all.

Remote attendance also ranged widely, from 18 percent to 68 schools reporting 100 percent. Another 68 schools reported “N/A.”

Marking students present online doesn’t necessarily mean they stay online to learn.

“A student can log on for a minute and then not participate in class, but I still have to mark them present,” a Brooklyn high school teacher said.

City Hall spokeswoman Avery Cohen would not answer questions about the figures, saying, “It’s preliminary to draw broad conclusions from a snapshot of data.”

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Laptops & books for students No ‘F’s, ands or buts!

The city will have to give a laptop loaded with “culturally responsive” textbooks to every student under a bill to be introduced next week by Councilmembers Ben Kallos and Farah Louis.

The measure was prompted by a Department of Education official’s stunning testimony at a recent City Council hearing that

77,000 students still lack Internet-equipped iPads needed for remote learning.

“Every student should have a computer and Internet as part of their public-school education,” Kallos said.

The bill would require that all student laptops or tablets come with the textbooks, which can be obtained for free, according to Kallos.

While the DOE recently ordered 100,000 iPads in addition to the 300,000 it distributed during the COVID-19 shutdown, the bill emphasizes laptops with keyboards — especially for older students.

“It’s really hard to type out a 1,000-word essay by hunting and pecking each letter,” Kallos told The Post.

Susan Edelman

Schools Chancellor Richard Carranza’s highly anticipated new grading policy for this school year will again ban failing marks, according to an internal memo obtained by The Post, riling educators.

The city Department of Education document, titled “Grading Policy 2020-2021,” says schools should use the same softer “considerations” adopted last

May during the COVID-19 shutdown.

Among the main guidelines:

- “Continue to use ‘course in progress’ in place of failing grades.”
- “Permit students in high school an additional semester to complete coursework and meet the learning outcomes for their courses.”

Susan Edelman

'Cuties' cut into Netflix

"Cuties" turned out to be ugly for Netflix.

Subscription cancellations skyrocketed by 800 percent after the French film triggered a boycott in September over its "hypersexualization" of children, analyses show. Within two days of the movie's premiere, #CancelNetflix became the top trending topic on Twitter and a petition on Change.org garnered hundreds of thousands of signatures.

Netflix's chief financial officer Spence Neumann didn't mention "Cuties" in a third-quarter earnings call this week, instead focusing on the first half of the year, when coronavirus lockdowns drove subscriptions.

He said the company "came pretty close" to meeting its membership goal of 195 million worldwide. For the three months that ended Sept. 30, it added 2.2 million global subscribers, down from the first two quarters of 16 million and 10 million.

But numbers analyzed by New York data analytics firms Antenna and YipitData show the protest made a big dent. Antenna reported Netflix lost five times as many subscribers in September's first couple of weeks than it lost in all of August. YipitData put September cancellations at 8 times of those in August.

Melanie Gray

Iran slams Sudan deal

Iran blasted Sudan Saturday for paying "ransom" to the US in exchange for the Trump administration removing the country from a list of state sponsors of terrorism.

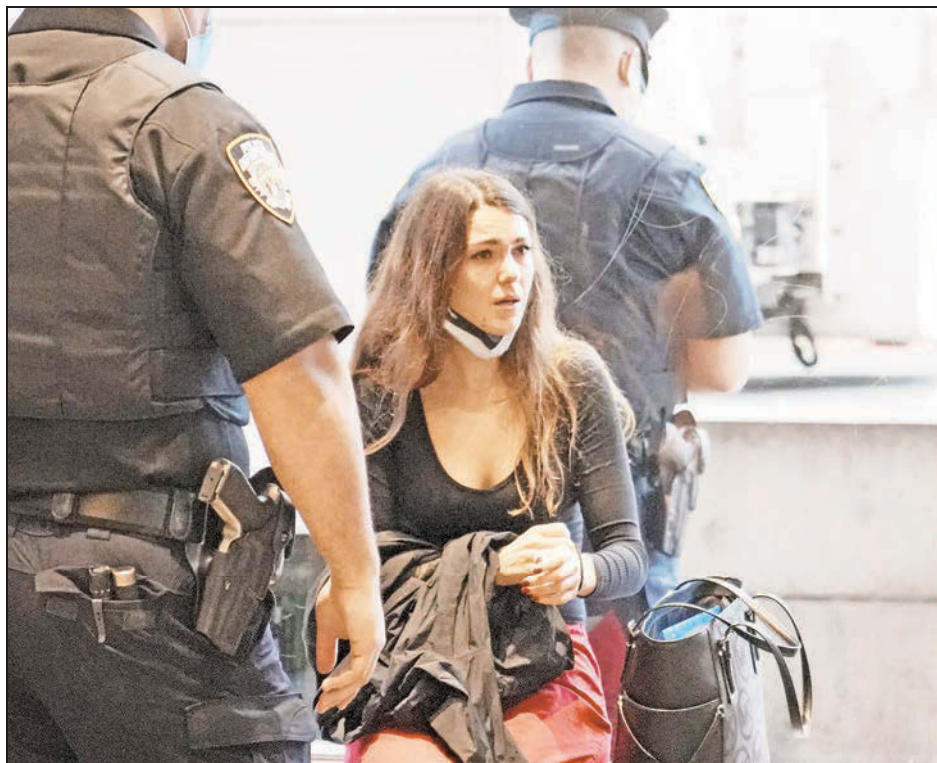
The country also criticized as "phony" a Washington-brokered deal to normalize diplomatic relations between Israel and Sudan.

On Friday, when the deal was announced, Sudan became the third Arab government in the last two months to establish diplomatic ties with Israel, following the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain.

Isabel Vincent

CITY IN CRISIS

TWIST IN SHOVE



Robert Miller



STUNNING: A day after a New Jersey woman (left) was luckily OK after being shoved to the Times Square subway tracks, police named Joshua Diaz (inset) as a "person of interest" in the incident.

By LARRY CELONA
and DEAN BALSAMINI

Cops looking for recidivist drifter

He has been pushing the envelope for years.

A "person of interest" wanted for questioning in the shocking Times Square subway shove is a career criminal with a lengthy rap sheet who has exhibited bizarre behavior before, according to police and law-enforcement sources.

Joshua Diaz, 30, whose last known address is in Mount Vernon, has been arrested 30 times, sources said, including collars for burglary, assault, resisting arrest and criminal trespass.

He was most recently accused of sitting in the cars of strangers in Queens.

Diaz was nabbed Sept. 10 for unauthorized use of a vehicle after he was allegedly sitting in some-

one's vehicle in Douglaston, playing music. Four days later he allegedly pulled the same stunt, sitting in a different person's car in Jamaica.

A law-enforcement source told The Post that 11 of Diaz's arrests have been sealed.

Diaz's record dates back to 2012, the source said.

But Diaz had not, as of Saturday evening, been charged in the chilling Friday incident in Times Square, in which a woman was suddenly shoved from behind

onto the subway tracks without warning.

Diaz was arrested Friday for resisting arrest, obstruction of governmental administration, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct, police said, after he was caught just before 6 p.m. smoking a cigarette on a Bronx subway platform.

He was taken into custody because he fit the description of the wanted photo circulated by the NYPD for the unprovoked attack on the victim, a 28-year-old New

Jersey woman, police said, even including the clothes worn by the suspected perp.

"The push is still under investigation," the NYPD said.

No other information was immediately available.

A source said Diaz was at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx Friday undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

It's unclear if Diaz was still hospitalized late Saturday.

Police are now looking for more witnesses and video of the shoving incident. The victim was waiting on the northbound N/Q/R platform in Times Square, police said.

The woman was able to climb off the tracks before a train barreled into the station; she was treated for a wrist injury at NYU Langone Hospital, authorities said. *Additional reporting by Sam Raskin*

Visiting skateboarder gunned down

A young film major from Indiana who'd come to New York for a "dream" skateboarding trip with buddies was fatally shot by a stray bullet to the chest in Bushwick early Saturday after less than a day in the city, police said.

Ethan Williams, 20, was

in town with friends for a weeklong trip to make skateboarding videos and was the unintended target. The gunman, who wore a black hoodie, was being sought Saturday night.

"Ethan [inset] would have



wanted the shooter to know he's already forgiven them," his distraught father, Jason Williams, said in a phone interview. "He would have wanted to be his friend."

Ethan spent his life trying to give back to oth-

ers; he did missionary work with orphans in Rwanda while in high school, where he also started an LGBTQ club. Though he wasn't gay, Williams hated seeing his classmates getting bullied, his dad said.

"It's hard to express how much he loved everybody,"

Jason Williams said.

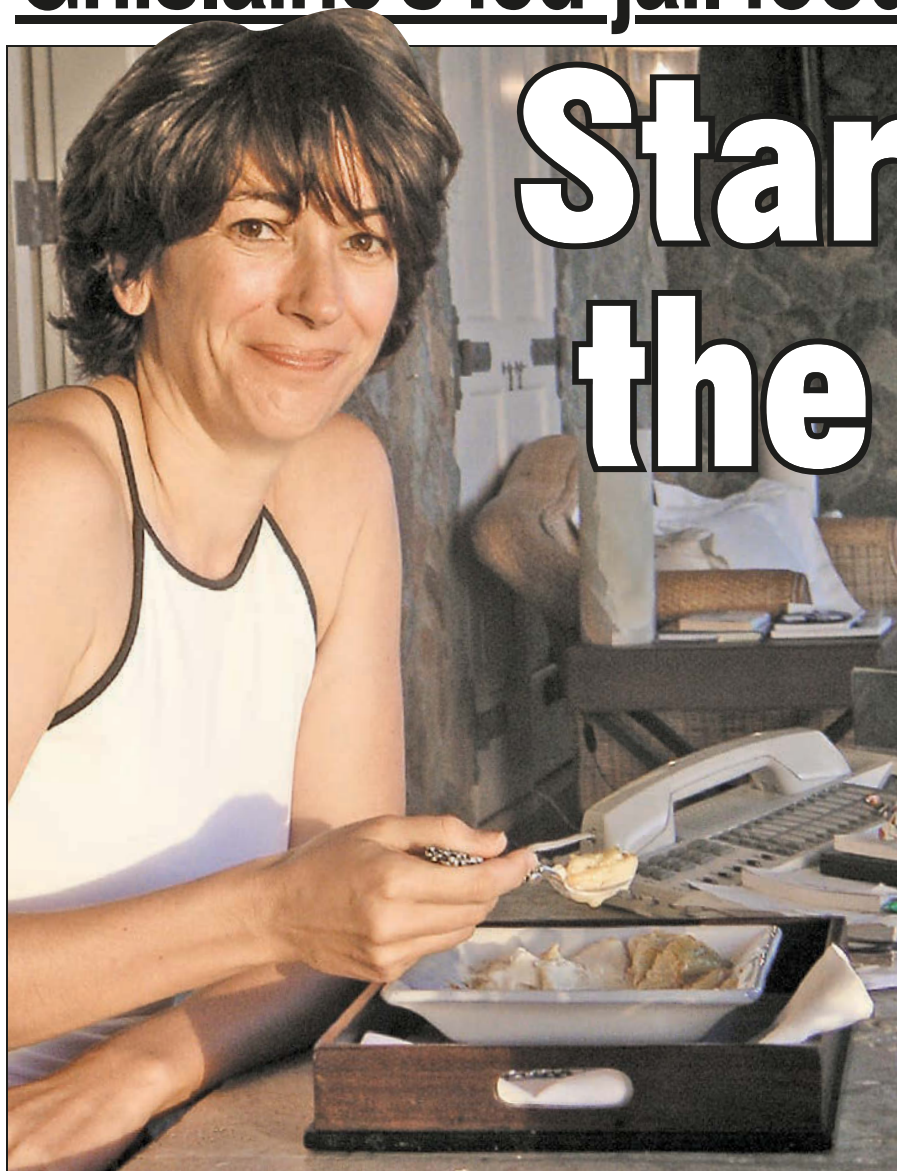
A sophomore in the film media program at Indiana University, Ethan "wanted people's stories to be told."

Meanwhile three people were shot and wounded Saturday morning.

Tamar Lapin, Larry Celona and Tina Moore

Ghislaine's fed-jail food 'n' fashion woe

Starved to the 'Max'



Anthony Behar/Sipa USA

THAT BITES: Ghislaine Maxwell is losing weight rapidly at Metropolitan Detention Center (above) while having trouble finding vegan meals, a pal said.

By MELANIE GRAY

"Operation GGO" is underway. The mission: Get Ghislaine out of jail.

A friend has taken up the cause of springing Ghislaine Maxwell from her Brooklyn cellhole, claiming she is on the verge of starvation and humiliated every day by her prison-issued paper clothes.

Brian Basham is a family friend who wants federal authorities to grant the British socialite bail while she waits to be tried for sex-trafficking next summer, the Telegraph reported. Two weeks after Maxwell was taken into custody, a judge denied her bond offer of \$5

million, deeming her a flight risk.

A career p.r. flack, Basham is spearheading the campaign for freedom "because I thought that the dog-and-pony show put on by the Department of Justice and the FBI had attempted to whip what I think of as a lynch mob into further frenzy."

Basham insists Maxwell has lost 25 pounds in the four months she has been behind bars because corrections officials won't give her the vegan diet she follows. One day, she went 20 hours without food, he told the Telegraph. When she complained, guards removed her scale.

Another point of contention is

Maxwell's wardrobe of paper clothes. Maxwell isn't even allowed to wear a bra, Basham complained, because she is considered a suicide risk. The six charges she faces stem from her friendship with disgraced financier Jeffrey Epstein, who committed suicide in his Manhattan jail cell more than a year ago. Epstein was taken off suicide watch about two weeks before he killed himself.

In a 2016 deposition made public Thursday, Maxwell denied any wrongdoing, including allegedly bringing a teenage girl to London in 2001 to have sex with Prince Andrew. He maintains his innocence, too.

Finally, Basham alleges Maxwell is stuck alone in a 9-by-7-foot cell at the Metropolitan Detention Center with absolutely no human contact — even the guards have stopped talking to her — and she isn't receiving letters her sisters have written. "I am told that none of the members of the family have been able to visit or talk to her directly," he said.

As for Maxwell fleeing the country on one of her three passports, Basham said: "One of the passports is a French passport. From the moment Jeffrey Epstein was arrested, she could have gone to France but she stayed."

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Another senator for ACB

The Senate met in a rare Saturday session on the Supreme Court nomination of Amy Coney Barrett, as Alaska's Lisa Murkowski revealed she plans to vote in favor of the federal judge's confirmation.

"I have no doubt about her intellect," the GOP senator explained of her decision, according to a report in The Hill.

"I have no doubt about Judge Barrett's judicial temperament. I have no doubt about her capability to do the job," she said on the Senate floor. Murkowski added that while she objects to confirming a nominee so close to a presidential election, "I've lost that procedural fight."

Democratic Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, meanwhile, cited Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's 2016 refusal to give then-President Barack Obama's nominee, Merrick Garland, a hearing or a vote before a presidential election. Schumer called the Senate's push on Barrett a "stain on the leader's forehead and on the entire Republican caucus if it continues."

The Senate is working through the weekend, with another key vote coming Sunday ahead of a final confirmation vote Monday.

Kathianne Boniello

Kyrgyz sets prez vote

Authorities in Kyrgyzstan on Saturday called an early presidential election for Jan. 10 after the nation's previous president was driven from power by protests triggered from a disputed vote.

The Oct. 4 parliamentary election was swept by pro-government parties and led to protests by the opposition, who rejected the official results as rigged. Demonstrators freed several opposition leaders, including Sadyr Zhaparov, who was quickly named the new prime minister.

On Oct. 15, President Sooronbai Jeenbekov was forced to step down. AP

Afghan suicide bomb kills 18

At least 18 people were killed and 57 hurt in a suicide bombing in Afghanistan, officials there said, with students included among the casualties.

Saturday's explosion struck outside an education center (right) in a heavily Shiite neighborhood of western Kabul.

Interior Ministry spokesman Tariq Arian said the attacker was trying to enter the center when he was stopped by security guards.

The official said the death toll may rise as family members

search for victims at several hospitals treating the wounded.

No group claimed responsibility for the bombing, and the Taliban denied any connection with the attack.

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Birthday fest spreads fear

An eighth-grader held a birthday party with four classmates from her Bronx school before testing positive for COVID-19 — raising fears of a “super-spreader” event, The Post has learned.

The party, which took place inside a small apartment, featured a “cake fight” with girls smearing icing on each other’s faces, the kids told staffers at PS/MS 20 in Norwood.

“She blew out the candles,” one said. “They were not social distancing, and nobody was wearing masks.”



The birthday girl, 13, did not come to school on Monday because she felt ill, and on Wednesday her mom told the school that her daughter had tested positive.

“She’s very sick,” with a fever, chills, chest pain, a sore throat and rashes, the insider said.

The school immediately sent the students in the same class to the isolation room to wait for parents to pick them up. The students were told to quarantine for 14 days.

But the girl’s four teachers were not informed until the end of the day because administrators could not find substitutes to cover for them immediately, insiders said.

The other partygoers either haven’t been tested for the coronavirus, or the results were not yet available.

Susan Edelman

Corona deaths in NYS ‘stable’

COVID-19 deaths in New York remained low Friday, with 11 people in the state dying of the virus for the second consecutive day.

Meanwhile, hospitalizations reached 1,045, an uptick of 22 from Thursday, according to new data released by the state Saturday.

The number of hospitalizations is at its highest level since June 22, when 1,104 New Yorkers were admitted for the coronavirus.

Of the 156,940 tests conducted Friday, 2,061 were positive, or 1.31 percent of the total, said Gov. Cuomo.

Test rates in the hot spots, which include parts of Brooklyn and Queens, was 2.58 percent.

Isabel Vincent

FDNY doc in bad form on vaccine



Maybe the FDNY’s top doc should take a refresher course on how to properly administer a flu shot.

The department posted photos on Twitter last week showing Chief Medical Officer Dr. David Prezant giving a flu shot to Fire Commissioner Daniel Nigro (above) and other department bigs — with bare hands.

Prezant wasn’t following FDNY protocol: He wasn’t wearing gloves, which is al-

ways important when injecting patients — but especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. What’s worse, Prezant had a small cut on his thumb, which is seen pressing against Nigro’s shoulder.

Photos also show Prezant vaccinating First Deputy Commissioner Laura Kavanagh and Chief of Department John Sudnik.

FDNY spokesman Frank Dwyer noted that Prezant and patients wore masks

while they were doing the vaccinations.

But Dwyer added, “The doctor did acknowledge that gloves should have been worn in this instance.”

The photo ops aimed to promote the FDNY’s Operation BioPOD, an emergency-preparedness initiative. All department personnel are given the option to receive the flu vaccine while they are on duty.

Susan Edelman

IRONIC FLU DROP

Fewer deaths likely due to COV fatalities

By MELANIE GRAY

Flu deaths nationwide are down two-thirds from the five-year average, a drop that could indicate the most vulnerable Americans died in the first wave of COVID-19.

Federal estimates show no flu deaths for the week ending Oct. 17. The national five-year fatality average for the same week is 17. The state and the city recorded no flu deaths, which is also that week’s five-year average for each.

But Health Department spokesman Michael Lanza told The

Post, “We are still very early into this influenza season and it’s too early to make any predictions on severity.”

A similar pattern is emerging in Britain, where flu and pneumonia took 1,132 lives last month, 28 percent lower than the five-year monthly average of roughly 1,500 to 1,600. That country’s Office for National Statistics thinks the drop is because medically vulnerable Brits who would have died this fall from flu and pneumonia instead died last spring from the coronavirus.

But private British statistician Kevin McConway told The Post

he doubts “whether it’s the whole story.” McConway points out that flu and pneumonia are airborne infections like the coronavirus and the safety guidelines put in place for the pandemic: masks, social distancing and handwashing, would stop them, too.

Said state Health Department spokesman Jeffrey Hammond: “Wearing masks, social distancing, hand washing, and all the other measures put in place to slow the coronavirus should also slow the flu and other viruses.”

US health officials have been telling Americans for months that a bad flu season on top of the

COVID outbreak could overwhelm hospitals and increase the risk of catching both infections at the same time.

Pneumonia deaths in the US and across the city and state are down as well. For the week ending Oct. 17, deaths nationwide stood at 1,251, down 60 percent from the five-year average of 3,106 for the same week.

The state recorded 93 pneumonia deaths, a 36 percent decrease from the five-year average of 146 for the same week. The city’s total stood at 51, down from the five-year average of 86, a 41 percent reduction.

STING OP A BUZZKILL

Murder hornets' nest KO'd in Wash.



SUCKER PUNCH: Outfitted in protective suits, bug experts descend on a hive of Asian giant hornets — better known as murder hornets — hidden in a tree outside Blaine, Wash. on Saturday, first wrapping the trunk in plastic and then sucking out the invasive bugs with a vacuum.



Photos: AP



By LAURA ITALIANO

That's one small step for man, one giant vacuum ride toward oblivion for hornet-kind.

Space-suited bug specialists vacuumed up a hive of murder hornets in Washington state on Saturday, capping a monthslong effort to swat back the invasive, bee-slaughtering pest.

"Got 'em," the state's Department of Agriculture tweeted Saturday afternoon, along with photos of the specialists' efforts.

The basketball-sized hive was hidden in the hollow of a tree in woods near the British Columbia, Canada, border 100 miles north of Seattle, officials said.

It was the first nest of the venomous, 2-inch-long insect — real name Asian giant hornets — to be located after almost a year of worrisome individual sightings of the bug in the region.

The hornets are native to Asia, where their stings kill a dozen people a year. It's unknown how they got to Washington state and British Columbia.

To find the hive, state entomologists first trapped three hornets — and kept them alive by feeding them strawberry jam — before tying radio tracking devices to their abdomens with dental floss.

The hornets were then tracked back to their hive, which was well-hidden in the tree.

Given that the hornets have venomous, 6-millimeter-long stingers, which can kill people as well as other insects, entomologists had to dress in thick protective suits for the next part.

They sealed the tree cavity with foam, covered it with plastic wrap, and then inserted a tube inside to suck the buggers out into a collection chamber.

"We extract them alive," said state entomologist Erik Spichiger. "We will kill them."

The tree will be cut down so the entomologists can extract and kill the larvae and, ideally, find the queen — so long as she hasn't hightailed it out of there to start a new hive.

COV strikes Poland prez

Polish President Andrzej Duda has tested positive for coronavirus but insists he feels fine, and is apologizing to those who have to quarantine because they were exposed to him.

"Believe me, I had no symptoms. If I had knew I had coronavirus, all meetings would have been can-

celed," he told Polish TV. "I remain in isolation along with my wife and will be working remotely."

Duda, 48, is trim and doesn't have any underlying conditions such as diabetes that would make him vulnerable to complications from the infection.

Dana Kennedy

Samsung big dies at 78

SEOUL, South Korea — Lee Kun-hee, the ailing Samsung Electronics chairman who transformed the small TV maker into a global giant of consumer electronics, has died. He was 78.

He died on Sunday with his family members, including son and company chief Lee Jae-yong, by his side.

Lee Kun-hee had been hospitalized since May 2014 after suffering a heart attack and the younger Lee has run Samsung, the biggest company in South Korea.

Lee Kun-hee inherited control from his father and during 30 years of leadership, Samsung Electronics Co. became a global brand. AP

Virus hits 2 veep aides

Two people close to Vice President Mike Pence, his chief-of-staff and a senior political adviser, have tested positive for coronavirus, according to reports.

Chief of Staff Marc Short tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, the vice president's office said in a statement to The New

York Times.

Top adviser Marty Obst had tested positive on Wednesday, Bloomberg News reported.

Pence, meanwhile, "will maintain his schedule in accordance with the CDC guidelines for essential personnel," his office said.

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IN March of 2016, I wrote that I would likely support Donald Trump because he was the only presidential candidate speaking for working-class Americans. I also viewed the contempt for Trump by the media and elite of both parties as contempt for his supporters as well.

As the campaign wore on, that contempt became an acceptable form of bigotry, as reflected in Hillary Clinton's "basket of deplorables" smear at a fundraiser.

On Election Day, I put aside concerns about whether Trump was ready and voted for him. My hope was that enough people agreed the nation desperately needed a course correction on policies and leadership, and that Trump, despite his background and lack of experience, could rise to the occasion.

Four years later, everything has changed, not all of it for the better. Trump shook Washington to its core and remade the Republican Party, but the nation's fault lines make the divisions of four years ago seem almost quaint.

One thing that won't change is my vote. In fact, the 2020 choice is much easier. There are two main reasons why I'm sticking with Trump.

One is because of what he has done, and the other is because of what his opponents have done to sabotage and overthrow him.

First, the primary yardstick of a president is whether he produces peace and prosperity. Trump achieved both until the pandemic sent the economy into recession. Thankfully, the recovery is happening and a vaccine should give it rocket fuel.

Trump's most admirable trait is that he has kept his key promises. That is remarkable only because voters have too long tolerated politicians who sell one thing and deliver another. For all his flaws, the president has largely delivered what he promised.

From the start, he was a jobs president and his policies benefited workers of every race and income level. His ironclad commitment to job creation was illustrated at last week's debate, where sharp contrasts with Joe

Biden centered on the Democrat's pledge to raise taxes and "transition away" from oil and gas. Trump correctly called both job killers.

Cutting taxes and regulations, controlling immigration, supporting school choice and nominating qualified, conservative judges and Supreme Court justices are other big things Trump said he would do, and he did. Biden would do the opposite.

On foreign policy, he was true to his word to wind down the longest wars and keep America out of new ones while strengthening the military. He is making historic peace between Israel and Arab states while making clear to Iran it must give up its nuclear and terrorist ambitions or be brought to its knees.

True, some European allies feel neglected, but it's also true they looked down their noses at Trump's America First agenda. Though they preferred the apology tours and soft internationalism of Barack Obama, they agreed to Trump's demand to pay more for NATO.

The most important and difficult Trump initiative is his confrontation with China over lopsided trade deals and its regional aggression. No other president even attempted it. While real progress is being made, a long struggle will be needed to reverse the three decades where China used subterfuge and theft to build its economy, often at the expense of American jobs.

Many voters believe the president wasn't focused enough on the coronavirus, a belief cemented for some when he and the first lady got infected.

Those voters have a point — up to a point. The virus was a once-in-a-century phenomenon and despite erratic presentations and odd comments, Trump commanded an enormous mobilization of government and industry resources and distributed them with dispatch to the states. The rapid progress on vaccine development is unprecedented.

Any honest score card must also include the disparities in the states' performances, with governors in New York, New Jersey and elsewhere issuing fatally flawed



orders that led to thousands of unnecessary deaths in nursing homes.

In addition, blue states that remain under stringent lockdowns have unemployment rates nearly twice as high as states where GOP governors moved faster to reopen schools and businesses.

DESPITE Trump's successes, or because of them, the many forces arrayed against him in 2016 refused to accept his presidency. They did everything they could to end it, and that beyond-the-pale defiance is

the second reason why I will vote for him.

The other side must not be rewarded for its efforts to sabotage and remove a duly-elected president.

Russia, Russia, Russia was a scam that ruined lives and put a cloud over the White House for nearly three years. The sequel was partisan impeachment, a clumsy coup attempt orchestrated by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Trump haters in Congress, the deep state, and the media.

The press corps' bias of 2016 has morphed into full-blown partisanship on a daily

basis at print, digital and broadcast outlets. Facebook, Twitter and other platforms openly use their power to censor pro-Trump news and opinion while promoting anything that makes the president look bad.

It's not the algorithms; it's the people behind them.

Their decision to block The Post's groundbreaking reports on Hunter Biden's business deals and Joe Biden's involvement should scare anyone who treasures the First Amendment. To censors, Orwell's nightmare is their dream.

All fairness has been abandoned in a frenzy to destroy Trump and everything he represents. This culture war extends backward, too.

The destruction of artworks celebrating Christopher Columbus, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and black and white abolitionists reveals a determination to erase America's founding ideals and replace individual liberty with socialism and identity politics.

The New York Times' error-ridden 1619 Project, despite repudiation by historians, is nonetheless being adopted by many schools. Biden, in public life for nearly 50 years, falls in line with his party's radical wing by insisting that "systemic racism" stains the nation, especially law enforcement.

Meanwhile, the spread of political violence and the refusal of many on the left to condemn Antifa and those who burn and loot emboldens a new criminal class of anarchists.

Shamefully, Democrats, the Times, The Washington Post, CNN and broadcast networks defend the unwarranted 2016 spying operation against Trump led by Jim Comey at the FBI, and approved by the Obama-Biden White House. Although the top leaders of the storied agency were removed in disgrace, just one agent has been charged with a crime related to the dirtiest political trick in history.

The outrageous endorsement by the media of the corruption of law enforcement and intelligence for partisan purposes is reason enough to vote for Trump.

I believe much of the nation's discord can be traced to the Times' decision to become an activist propaganda sheet to defeat Trump. The most powerful influencer in the country, it has a trickle-down effect on nearly all media institutions.

If The Gray Lady were to return to being a trusted source of news, others would follow and the country could return to more civil debates about our differences.

Thus, the election is not just Trump vs. Biden. It's also America vs. The New York Times.

Vote for America.

Montauk park worker says he was Inside real-life lab of 'Stranger Things'

DANA KENNEDY



JOE Loffreno has worked at the wild, craggy Eastern tip of Long Island now called Camp Hero State Park for 18 years. He knows the spooky, abandoned military base — which supposedly inspired the Netflix series “Stranger Things” — better than most.

“It’s a place that’s dominated my life and my nightmares,” he told The Post.

Many locals in Montauk mock the tales about Camp Hero being the site of secret government experiments involving mind control, time travel, wormholes, teleportation and kids hooked up to wires in hidden underground labs.

The rumors took hold in 1992, 11 years after the military base at Camp Hero was shut down. A (now widely debunked) book called “The Montauk Project: Experiments in Time,” by Preston Nichols, told of sinister, Nazi-style experiments that meddled — genetically and psychologically — with kidnapped local boys.

Historian Henry Osmer laments how the conspiracy theories have brought in gawkers who ignore the official military history of the area, one that dates to the Revolutionary War, in favor of hunting down aliens.

Another local, Paul Fagan, spent 14 years exploring Camp Hero and painstakingly researching government documents at the National Archives in Manhattan.

He told The Post there may be a nuclear reactor secretly buried at the site, installed around 1958 as part of the Cold War-era Army Nuclear Power Program. Fagan suspects that the conspiracy theories about Camp Hero may have been planted to deflect from the possible reactor.

And then there’s Loffreno. The 53-year-old grew up in Montauk and now works as a parks employee at Camp Hero. He also sincerely believes he’s one of the lost and tortured “Montauk Boys” popularized in Nichols’ book.

“I didn’t believe it until two years ago,” Loffreno told The Post. “I was hypnotized

[by a certified hypnotist] for about 40 minutes and all these memories flooded back. They did a very bad thing to us out there. We were just little kids. They had no right to experiment on us. It was a very dark, very evil thing.”

He believes he was abducted and abused during the summer of 1980 and possibly during the summer of 1981, when he was 12 or 13. He recalled under hypnosis that a local boy whom no one knew very well invited him to bike to the base.

The first time, Loffreno said, there were two men waiting. Dressed in civilian clothes, they ushered the boys into a sunken house on the base. Later, he said, he and other boys were brought underground through Battery 113, one of the sealed gunneries left from World War II.

He remembers lying on a table with wires coming out of him like electrodes: “They analyzed us like animals.” He said there were up to 50 other kids there. He believes some of them were later killed.

It would be easy to write him off as a kook, but he is gainfully employed at the park, has a steady girlfriend and appears to have a solid relationship with his kids. Locals call him a friend.

He said that, while under hypnosis, he went to the location he remembered with another parks employee, Charlie, who was also interviewed by The Post. There, they

found remnants of the sunken house from his visions.

(Park superintendent Tom Dess did not return calls for comment.)

“If we had a backhoe and my boss let me dig in that spot, which I know he won’t, I can guarantee we’d find some cement structures down there,” Loffreno said.

FILMMAKER Christopher Garetano, who grew up near Montauk, made the 2014 documentary “Montauk Chronicles” that detailed the allegations of three men — Nichols, Al Bielek and Stewart Swerdlow — who say they were brainwashed and forced against their will to take part in experiments at Camp Hero between 1971 and 1983.

In the 1970s and ’80s, Nichols led something called the “psychotronic movement” that claimed government agents used electromagnetic waves to plant thoughts in people’s heads. Nichols, who died two years ago, claimed he was part of the so-called Montauk Project but recovered his memories only after the fact.

Garetano told The Post he felt that Nichols and the others were not believable. But he went on to explore Camp Hero so doggedly that he employed a geophysicist to analyze the ground beneath the old base. He said they found evidence of large structures not seen on any

official maps.

“Forget all the alien and MK Ultra [a CIA mind-control experiment from the 1950s and ’60s] crap,” he said. “I think there was some type of experimentation out there using kids or teenagers, maybe runaways from New York.”

Once home to an Army base during World War II and an Air Force station during the Cold War, Camp Hero was decommissioned in 1981 and is now owned by the state parks system. It sits on 755 acres of thick forests and desolate wetlands with spectacular, 360-degree views of the Atlantic Ocean and Block Island Sound.

Thanks to Nichols’ series of books — and the success of “Stranger Things” — Camp Hero has become Long Island’s Area 51: an eerie site straight out of the “Twilight Zone.”

Looming high above it all is the last of the super-powered, Cold-War-era SAGE radar towers constructed in the event of a Soviet nuclear attack — with the intention of giving the US a 30-minute warning. The antennae emitted up to 425MHz, which is also the frequency allegedly needed to enter human consciousness.

Even locals who decry the “secret underground base” stories admit that when the tower was up and running, it interfered with television sets and other electronics, and that many people reported suffering from headaches.

“I don’t want to add fuel to the fire because I don’t believe all the zombie stuff,” said one resident of 40 years. “But the impact that tower had on the town was real. I don’t know if it affected our thoughts like some people say, but it was a force.”

The now-rusting 90-foot tower and 40-foot-wide dish is a draw for tourists who come to explore the WWII gunner outposts and spooky, boarded-up buildings.

The Army designed the base to look like a fishing village — even though soldiers actually lived there — to fool the Nazis. A “church” that was actually a gym for officers remains, but a series of Cape Cod-style houses have been torn down. After the war, the Air Force took over the site, shutting it down in 1981. At that point, according to Nichols’ books and a host of other researchers, bizarre things started happening.

“I believe it’s entirely possible that [the



WILD TALES: On “Stranger Things,” secret experiments are conducted on Eleven (Millie Bobby Brown, above) in a laboratory where aliens are housed in the basement.

subject of secret gov't experiment

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Matthew McDermott, Albany, Joe Loffreno

FREQUENT FEAR: “Stranger Things” fans flock daily to the Cold War-era radio tower — built during the Cold War to warn citizens of possible Soviet nuclear attacks — at former military base Camp Hero in Montauk, LI. Stories of secret mind-control experiments taking place here helped inspire the series.



HIDDEN TORTURE: Joe Loffreno works at what is now Camp Hero State Park. He believes that he was abducted as a boy and taken through one of the old gunnery tunnels (above) to an underground lab where experiments were conducted on him.



human experiment stories are] true,” said Peter Bové, a former Manhattan advertising executive and author of the novel “Montauk Time.”

“Scientifically, physiologically, it’s all conceivably real. I believe there were Army experiments out there that involved interdimensional travel and the fallout from that still exists, like a tear in the space-time con-

tinuum,” said Bove, who has spent summers in the area since childhood and knows just about everyone in town. “Having said that, there’s no hard evidence that I’ve seen to prove it.”

Nichols’ co-writer Vincent Barbarick (who used the pen name Peter Moon), told The Post: “We’re dealing with phenomena that is not just 3D. If you research sacred geometry,

Montauk is known for being a power vortex. Geologically, it’s an underground mountain that comes up. It’s its own separate island in a way. Something happened out there, that I’m sure of.”

Even Fagan, who avoided researching the conspiracy theories at Camp Hero, said the place draws people in and takes a toll.

“So many people, including me, who

spent any time looking into Camp Hero ended up completely different people afterwards,” he said. “It’s a strange coincidence but I’ve seen it happen to multiple people. I got so squirrely, I had to leave town for awhile. All I can say is the imagination is one hell of a machine that can affect you to the point where you no longer know what’s true and what isn’t.”

Year of grief for slain woman's parents

By SARA DORN

In the year since her daughter Stephanie was killed, allegedly by an abusive boyfriend, Sharlene Parze has been haunted by the close bond they shared.

"We did everything together," said the mom, who sees reminders of her daughter everywhere.

"Now we just have a hole," Sharlene Parze, 53, said through tears in an interview from her Freehold, NJ, home Thursday.

"It's all you ever think about, your mind never shuts off — reliving what she was thinking when it was happening, trying to see her face, not being able to hold her, kiss her or hug her ever again."

As the first anniversary of the disappearance and death of the 25-year-old New Jersey makeup artist approaches, her parents hold on to one final hope for securing answers about what happened to their daughter on Oct. 30, 2019.

Robbed of closure by the suicide of Parze's suspected killer, John Ozbilgen, Parze's family — and Monmouth County prosecutors — are now honing in on what Ozbilgen told his parents before dying.

"We want the truth to come out," Sharlene Parze said.

Her husband, Ed Parze, 55, added, "How can they defend their son when they know he committed this crime? Man up, do the right thing."

The Parzes never heard from their daughter again after she left their house on Halloween eve, following a night out with her mother and sisters to visit a psychic.

The family immediately suspected Stephanie's on-and-off boyfriend, Ozbilgen, a 29-year-old stockbroker who had recently moved from Staten Island to Freehold Township. He had been charged with attacking Stephanie and a second woman between June and October 2019.

Ozbilgen admitted he spent the night at Stephanie's home on Oct. 30, and claimed she was alive when he left the next morning.

Thousands of volunteers scoured woodlands from Freehold to Staten Island searching for Stephanie's body. In November, cops arrested Ozbilgen on child porn charges, after finding images in his phone.

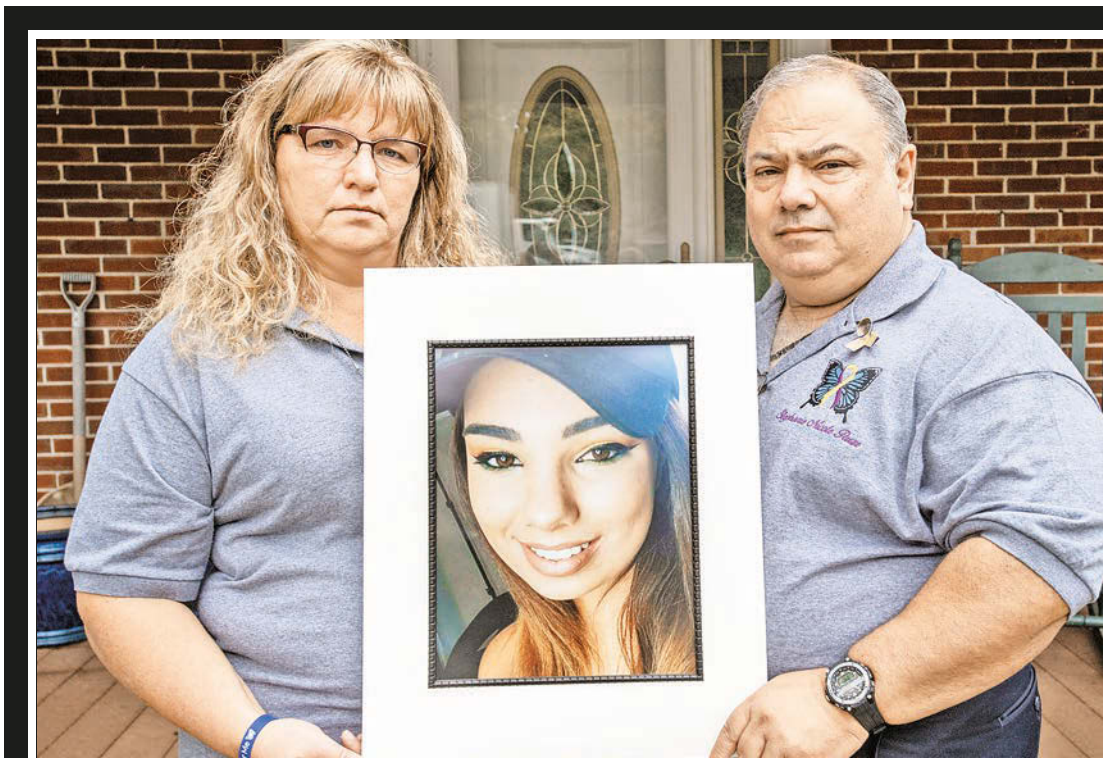
He hanged himself in his parents' garage on Nov. 22, without copping to the murder.

He left behind at least two notes, which hinted at homicide but never disclosed the whereabouts of Stephanie's body.

"I dug myself in a deep hole. This is the only choice," he wrote.

Stephanie's remains were finally discovered three months later, in the weeds just off Route 9 about 10 miles north of Freehold. They were too decomposed to determine how she was killed, her parents said.

While the Ozbilgens maintain their son's innocence, and their



J.C. Rice

'We want truth from killer's kin'



LOSS: "We just have a hole," say Sharlene and Ed Parze (top, at home in Freehold, NJ) of life without daughter Stephanie, whose suspected killer John Ozbilgen (above) later committed suicide.

own, authorities insist he didn't take all of his secrets to the grave.

Prosecutors "believe there were texts between them [Ozbilgen and his parents] after he killed her. They believe he confessed to his parents early on," said a law-enforcement source.

Hakan and Cynthia Ozbilgen are now the subject of a evidence-tampering investigation, the source said.

Authorities suspect they deleted messages exchanged with their son shortly after Stephanie went missing, the source said. Authorities also believe they withheld one of their son's suicide notes, according to the source, and they refuse to turn over

their cellphone passwords so their devices can be searched.

Hakan Ozbilgen admitted withholding the passwords. He blames law enforcement for his son's death.

"The reason why my son took his life is not because he did something to this poor girl, it's because he was charged with child pornography. He couldn't handle it," he seethed in an interview Friday.

The father said his son wasn't the raging misogynist he is made out to be. "My son dated a lot of girls . . . There would be a lot more girls out there saying something about him," he argued.

But one ex told the Asbury Park

Press Ozbilgen would choke her during sex and arguments. Prosecutors believe Stephanie may have died during "rough sex" with Ozbilgen, the source said.

"There is an open investigation into [the Ozbilgens] own actions, into hindering and obstruction in the aftermath," Monmouth County Assistant Prosecutor Caitlin Siddle said last month.

Meanwhile, the Parzes have started the Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation, a nonprofit they hope to use to help other victims of abuse.

"We just don't want anyone to forget her," Sharlene Parze said.

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Wintour 'racial' apology

Vogue powerhouse Anna Wintour is finally owning up to her intolerant past.

The 70-year-old copped to her wrongdoings in a New York Times exposé about her handling of race as the artistic director of Condé Nast.

"I strongly believe that the most important thing any of us can do in our work is to provide opportunities for those who may not have had access to them," Wintour said. "Undoubtedly, I have made mistakes along the way, and if any mistakes were made at Vogue under my watch, they are mine to own and remedy and I am committed to doing the work."

But 11 anonymous employees said the Brit, who has helmed the fashion magazine since 1988, "should no longer be in charge of Vogue and should give up her post as Condé Nast's editorial leader."

Wintour allegedly asked Vogue reporters to not mention cultural appropriation when reporting on Kendall Jenner wearing grills to a party. "I honestly don't think that's a big deal," she reportedly wrote in an e-mail.

In another e-mail about a photo shoot featuring black women in headscarves, she allegedly wrote, "Don't mean to use an inappropriate word, but pica ninny came to mind."

Marisa Dellatto

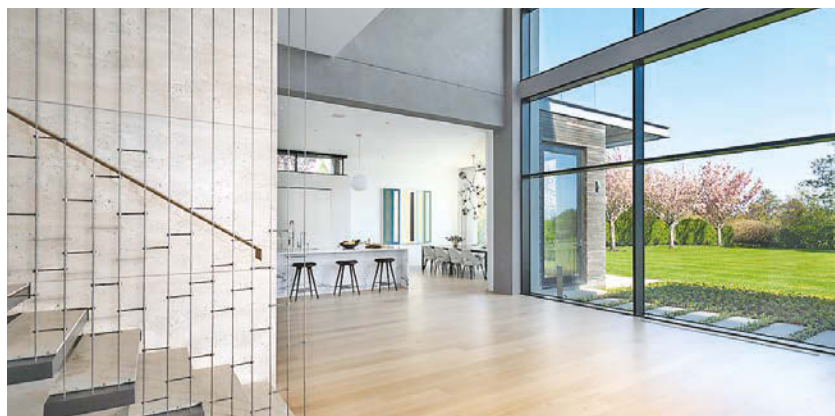
Chi. cop ax over slaying

Attorneys representing a black woman who was shot and wounded inside a vehicle by a suburban Chicago police officer who also fatally shot her 19-year-old boyfriend called the officer's firing "a first step in police accountability" but said they are pressing ahead with their own probe of the shooting. Waukegan Police Chief Wayne Waller announced late Friday the firing of the officer who fatally shot Marcellis Stinnette, a black man, and wounded Tafara Williams, 20.

No other details, including the officer's name, were provided.

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Scratching post

MUSICAL artists keep lining up against President **Trump** to try to stop him from playing their tunes at his rallies. We reported that **Andrew Lloyd Webber**'s UK-based company Really Useful Group sent a cease-and-desist to Trump's campaign over using ALW's song "Memory." We hear that "went ignored." Now **Betty Buckley**, who originated the song in "Cats" in 1982, has her claws out. Buckley hissed that Trump's "super-spreader events" are "exacerbating the problem" that "is keeping [Broadway actors] unemployed," adding, "By January the utter hell of your presidency ... will be nothing more than a memory."



Duff's preppers

HILARY Duff is pregnant with baby No. 3! The actress and hubby **Matthew Koma** both shared the news Saturday afternoon via Instagram, posting a GIF of Koma rubbing Duff's baby bump (above). "We are growing!!! Mostly me," Duff, 33, captioned her post, while Koma, also 33, noted just how much fun the couple has been having while on lockdown. "lol quarantine was fun," Koma wrote. "Baby #3 - 2021." Duff and Koma share 1-year-old daughter **Banks Violet Bair**.

CHRIS Cuomo has taken his no-mask act on the town.

Spies spotted the CNN anchor hanging at a downtown private members club, hobnobbing without a mask and acting like he was the mayor of the joint.

"He was not social distancing and was walking around indoors, shaking hands and greeting people without a mask. He was just hanging with **Brooke Shields**' husband. It's a double standard when his brother [Gov. **Andrew Cuomo**] is attacking the restaurant industry and implementing all these senseless rules," a source told Page Six.

Another source told us Chris was walking

around "acting like he was mayor" when he wasn't seated at his table.

Despite advocating for masks on his prime-time show, Chris has not apparently been practicing what he preaches.

He's also reportedly been marching around his apartment building without a face covering. Fox News obtained a letter from management scolding him for not abiding by the rules and threatening a \$500 fine. It read, in part, "You have been observed entering and exiting the building and riding the elevator without the required face coverings." It adds, "Even though staff members have asked you to comply with this requirement, you have

refused to do so."

Meanwhile, it appears masks are optional in the Cuomo household.

In a new interview with Elle, Chris' wife, **Cristina**, said, "When people come in my house, I leave it up to them whether they want to wear a mask or not."

The couple both battled the coronavirus this year.

Chris has recently said: "We are our own solution ... Wearing masks, avoiding crowds, keeping your distance. It sounds simple, but we're not doing it."

He sure isn't!

A rep for Chris did not comment.

'Sistine' appeal

HARVEY Weinstein has given up any hope of getting out of prison on bail, his lawyers say, but still thinks he'll win an appeal, which the ex-movie mogul wants to be "the Sistine Chapel of appeals." Weinstein's legal reps began building his appeal in February, after the disgraced honcho was convicted on rape charges. But the appeal was delayed by the pandemic. Now Weinstein's attorney, **Arthur Aidala** of Aidala Bertuna & Kamins, tells Page Six he expects the appeal to be filed by the end of this year. Weinstein just lost a bid to be released on \$2 million bail pending appeal. "He's come to grips with the reality of the situation," Aidala told us. But Weinstein is still "pretty optimistic — having lived through the trial and seen all the legal improprieties — that he's going to be successful on appeal," said the attorney, who has not seen Weinstein in person since March 12, but spoke to him by phone as recently as Friday. He said Weinstein is expecting Aidala's firm to "be Michelangelo" and "build the Sistine Chapel of appeals." As far as how Weinstein has adjusted to life behind bars at Wende Correctional Facility east of Buffalo, Aidala said, "I don't think he would mind a change of scenery, but he's hanging in." Harvey's lawyers will argue there were issues with the judge as well as a juror. Weinstein is also being repped by the firm's **Imran Ansari**.

We hear

THAT youth-basketball charity New Heights raised more than \$850,000 at a virtual gala hosted by CBS anchor **Maurice DuBois**. Speakers also included board chair **Mark Patricof**, sportscaster **Jim Nantz** and former Knicks player **Lance Thomas** ... THAT artist **Arnulf Rainer** has a new show at **Isabelle Bscher's** Galerie Gmurzynska ... THAT socialite **Jean Shafiroff** announced at a Hamptons event that American Humane has raised \$600,000 to feed hungry animals.



Pop star on saving her virginity

ALLY Brooke, of Fifth Harmony, made headlines when she revealed that, at 27, she's still a virgin. But she exclusively told Page Six that there have been temptations. "I mean it is a difficult road — especially being a young woman in the entertainment business, you're surrounded by attractive people," she said. "I stop the temptation by killing the mood ... It's like seeing a nice purse in the mall. You really want to buy it, but you have to save your money. So you walk around the mall thinking about the purse." If all else fails, there's always prayer. "Oh, God, yes. There were times when I was like, 'Lord give me the strength to make it through this,'" she told us. But she also has a fear of dying a virgin. "I pray to God like, 'Please don't let me die a virgin. Let me meet my husband before that happens to me and give me a few good years with him.'" The former "X Factor" star added she wants to be married by the time she's 30. Her memoir "Finding Your Harmony" is out now.

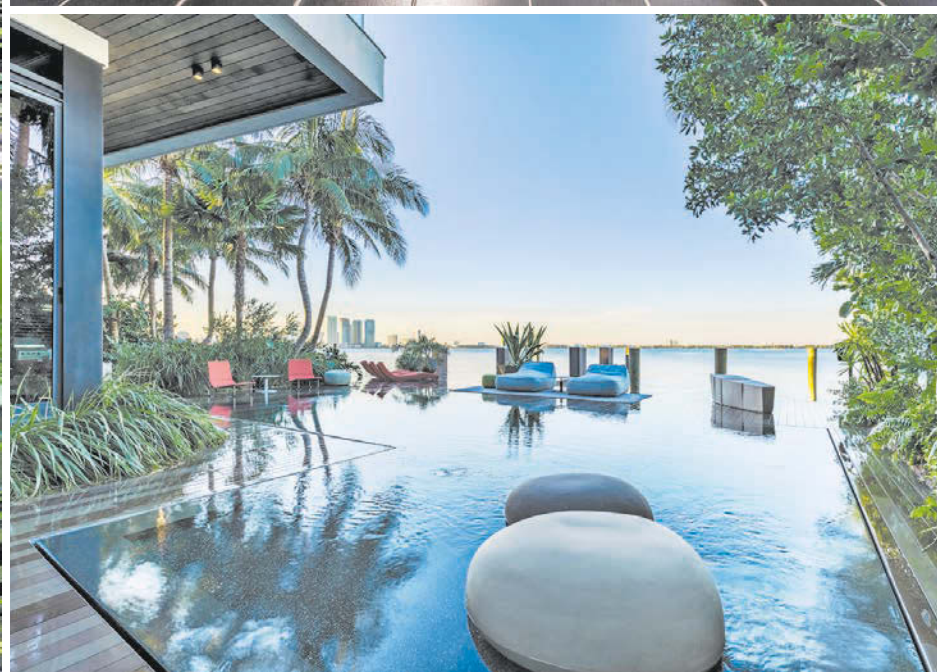
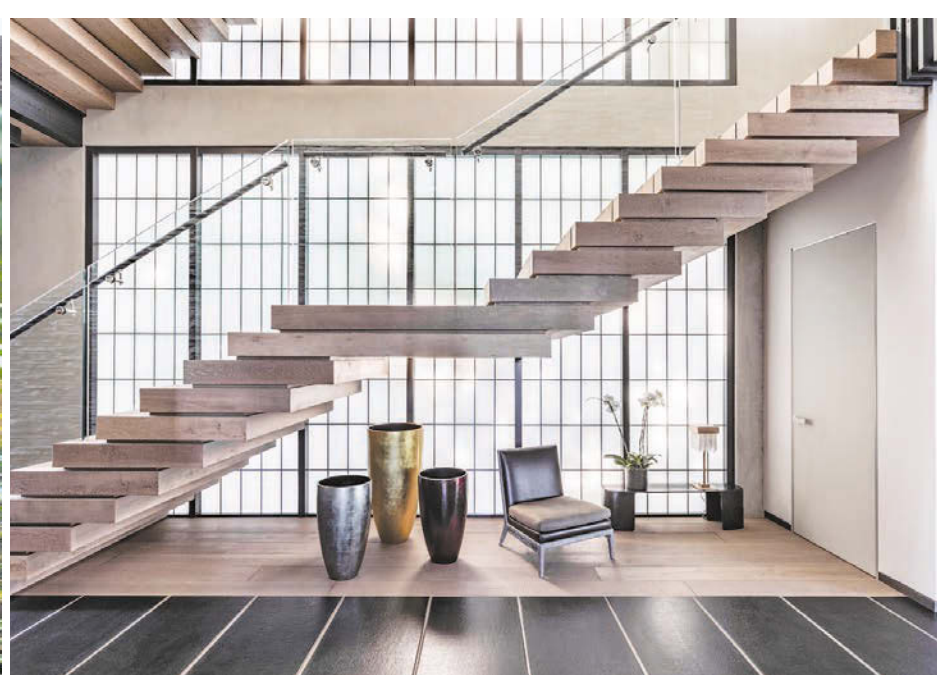




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'CHOP' FOR FAMED SHOP

By ISABEL VINCENT

Astor Place Hair Stylists, the iconic salon and barbershop that has been an East Village fixture for 73 years, is the latest casualty of the coronavirus pandemic.

Management at the basement barber shop, which counted everyone from actors Robert De Niro and Kevin Bacon to artist Andy Warhol, Mayor de Blasio and disgraced former state Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver as loyal customers, told staffers Friday that the doors will close just before Thanksgiving.

"We're down 90 percent of our business," manager Michael Saviello told The Post, adding many of the offices and shops nearby have shuttered because of the infection. "We've been open every day since reopening in June, but we've reduced our hours."

The decision devastated the 40 hairstylists, some of whom have worked at the shop longer than the 40 years put in by Saviello — aka "Big Mike."

"A lot of people cried when we told them the news," he said. "Some of



Helaine Selman

HAIR & GONE: With the pandemic sapping business, co-owner John Vezza is closing the 73-year-old Astor Hair.

our customers cried because they came here as kids and now bring their kids to get their hair cut."

Stylist Valentino Gogu, 72, who has worked at Astor Hair since arriving in New York from Romania in 1984, was in disbelief, Saviello said. Gogu has worked seven days a week at the barber shop and famously cut Hilary Swank's hair for the 1999 film "Boys Don't Cry."

The budget-friendly barber shop has been owned by the same family for three generations. Enrico Vezza opened the shop with the motto that no matter their economic

background, everyone needs a haircut, which start at \$23, Saviello said.

Known as "the United Nations of hair cutting," where stylists speak several languages, the sprawling single-room salon attracted tourists from around the world.

Stylists' stations are crowded with autographed photos of their celebrity clients, and Saviello has set up an artists' studio where he paints portraits during his lunch hours.

"Maybe we'll come back when the city comes back, but right now it's not feasible," Saviello said.

'Bojangles' song guy dies

Singer-songwriter Jerry Jeff Walker, who wrote the pop song "Mr. Bojangles," has died at age 78.

Walker died Friday of cancer, family spokesman John T. Davis said.

Walker emerged from the Greenwich Village folk scene in the 1960s, and moved to Texas in the 1970s.

He and the Lost Gonzo Band in 1973 recorded an album live called "Viva Terlingua" that became a classic of country-rock music. He released more than 30 albums.

Walker wrote "Mr. Bojangles" in 1968 after meeting a street performer by that name in a New Orleans drunk tank. AP

Bx. Zoo lion dancer back in psych ward

The Lion Queen is back.

A Brooklyn woman infamous for stepping into the lion's den at the Bronx Zoo, and dancing and waving at one of the beasts in a caught-on-camera moment (pictured), has resurfaced, sources said.

Myah Autry was taken into custody by police Wednesday evening after she allegedly threatened to jump

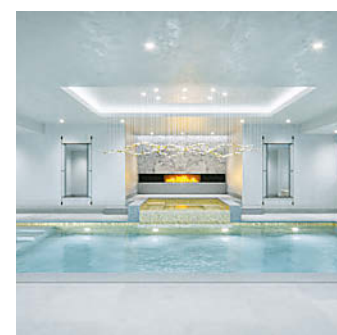


from Steeplechase Pier in Coney Island. Autry was brought to Coney Island Hospital for psychiatric evaluation, the sources said.

Autry's antics included claiming she was a "reincarnated" lion, and taunting cops on social media as they looked to arrest her on criminal-trespass charges for the stunt on Sept. 28, 2019. Dean Balsamini



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Rapper's livestream is a 'bust'



REALITY SHOW: Here's the scene in Beverly Hills on Saturday after rapper Offset was mistakenly pulled over.

But not right guy

By LAURA ITALIANO

Rapper Offset live-streamed himself being pulled over by Beverly Hills cops and handcuffed after he was accused of waving a gun at people at a Trump rally.

But ultimately the police 'fessed up to having grabbed the wrong guy.

"There have been media reports that entertainer Offset was arrested," police said. "Those reports are inaccurate."

"I'm a f--king celebrity, do you know who I am?" the rapper can be heard telling cops in the livestream.

"I'm Offset from Migos," he insisted, referring to his hip-hop trio.

"There's 25,000 people on my livestream," he said of the Instagram audience watching along.

Other video from the scene shows Offset being led away in handcuffs as a crowd of people, at least one of them holding a Trump flag, watch with their cellphones aimed toward the action.

A 20-year-old named Marcelo Almanzar was later charged with carrying a concealed weapon and carrying a loaded firearm in public, the police said.

'Firebug' arrested

A man allegedly lit what turned into a massive fire inside an East Harlem apartment late Saturday afternoon — injuring several people — after cops showed up to enforce a restraining order, authorities said.

The NYPD got a call about a person violating an order of protection at the six-story building at East 135th Street and Fifth Avenue at around 5:30 p.m., a police spokeswoman said.

When cops arrived, the man, who did not live there,

locked the door of the second-floor unit and started a blaze, police said.

Officers were eventually able to get inside and take the alleged arsonist into custody.

He was transported to a hospital and charges against him were pending, the NYPD spokeswoman said.

Seven people, including two cops, were injured and taken to Harlem Hospital and Mount Sinai Morning-side, the FDNY said.

Tamar Lapin

Paulina bares her

By MERLE GINSBERG and MICHAEL KAPLAN

THE past month has seen a shockingly sad, raw tale played out on Paulina Porizkova's Instagram account.

"Beginning the process of letting go of things — letting go of thirty years — letting go of everything I've known — everything that made me feel safe," she wrote on Sept. 1. The accompanying photograph showed her clutching clothing to her face, as if inhaling memories.

"Last two days in my house. It's empty, cold and dirty," the 55-year-old posted on Oct. 16, along with a photo of herself crouched in a large living room, nearly bare but for a few boxes. "I've never cried as much as I have in the last year."

It was on Sept. 15, 2019, that the former supermodel came home to the \$10 million Gramercy Park townhouse she shared with her husband, Cars singer Ric Ocasek, and found him dead from heart disease and pulmonary emphysema. The 75-year-old rocker had recently undergone surgery, but his passing was still a shock.

Even more shocking: The very next day, Porizkova discovered that he had rewritten his will just weeks before — and she had been cut out and would have to give up her home.

"I have made no provision for my wife . . . as we are in the process of divorcing. Even if I should die before our divorce is final . . . Paulina is not entitled to any elective share . . . because she has abandoned me," Ocasek wrote in his will.

The couple had announced their split in May 2018, with Porizkova revealing that it had occurred the year before — although they still lived together and supported each other right up until his death. "The photos of our happy family are in fact, happy family photos; we are just no longer a couple," she wrote on Instagram, as the two continued to be seen in public with their sons Jonathan, now 26 and who Porizkova has said is a video game designer, and 22-year-old Oliver, who is reportedly a student.

But, insiders say, Ocasek was not as happy as Porizkova wanted to portray.

"Ric and Paulina really loved each other, but [when he got sick] he seemed to get tired — of everything," said a former model and Porizkova pal who lives in L.A. "She didn't know if he'd stopped loving her or just stopped loving life. He felt emotionally dead to her."

Other insiders agree with that assessment. "Who abandoned who is up to whom you talk to," said a model who's been friends with Porizkova since their early New York days. "He clearly felt she was abandoning him at a trying time in his life — even though she was the one helping him most when he got sick. And she felt like he'd just stopped caring about the marriage — another form of abandonment."

BYE BYE LOVE:

Although Ric Ocasek and Paulina Porizkova were still married — and lived together — at the time of his death on Sept. 15, 2019, the rocker cut the model out of his will, shocking their family.



FAMILY TIES: After meeting on the set of The Cars' "Drive" video in 1984, Porizkova and Ocasek married and had sons Jonathan (from far left) and Oliver, seen here in 2016.

grief over late hubby's cruelty.

MODEL'S BIG CARS CRASH



Getty Images; FilmMagic; Instagram (3)

FROM the beginning, the romance seemed like the stuff of rock 'n' roll dreams: musician meets model on the set of a video. Timothy Hutton, who directed the 1984 video for The Cars' "Drive," told casting people at the time he had wanted a "tall exotic woman with something fierce" about her. The Czech model, 19 at the time, fit the bill. More than just a pretty face — she was that year's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue cover girl — Porizkova was able to act out an emotional meltdown in the clip. Hutton later told Vanity Fair, "I felt something between [Ocsek and Porizkova] instantly."

The two wed five years later, when she was 24 and he was 45.

"Ric was always in awe of her," said a music exec who helped produce the "Drive" video. "He was married when he met Paulina and she was very young, but it was love at first sight. He couldn't believe anyone that beautiful would want to be with him."

The model's star shone bright as her husband's began to fade. The Cars continued to release albums throughout the 1980s, but to fewer sales, and broke up in 1989.

Porizkova garnered covers of Vogue, Elle, Harper's Bazaar and more, as well as campaigns for brands including Chanel, Christian Dior, and Revlon. In 1988, she won what was then the highest-paying model contract in the world: \$6 million from Estée Lauder. After that ended in 1995, she landed a

multimillion-dollar contract with Escada.

"Paulina was successful and she lasted. The [models] who lack good work ethics tend not to last. It's more than looks," said Michael Gross, author of "Model: The Ugly Business of Beautiful Women."

Porizkova has said she put her life's earnings "into the marriage" but has not revealed how much of her own money is left.

"She wasn't crazy materialistic, but Paulina got used to a pretty comfortable life," said one modeling agent who knows her.

In more recent years, the couple's dynamic shifted. "As Paulina got older and was working less ... she seemed more dependent on [Ocsek]," said the music exec. "I think she really resented him for that in the end."

The model, who did not respond to The Post's requests for comment, told "CBS This Morning": "It's really hard to be married to somebody if you're the only one putting in all the work."

Nonetheless, she stayed in the house, caring for Ocsek as his health failed.

"He was still the man that I loved and that I had grown up with," she told CBS. "And I couldn't really imagine life without him."

OCSEK'S estate is said to be worth \$5 million, according to court documents. Porizkova plans to contest the will, which would grant her what's called "an elective share" under state law unless it can actually be proven that she did, in fact, abandon him. Ocsek also did not leave money to two sons from his second marriage but did provide for two others from

his first marriage as well as his sons with Porizkova, his third wife.

Divorce attorney Nicole Noonan told The Post: "In the state of New York, if they are still married [at the time of his death], she is entitled to a ... share of the estate ... They got married with the promise of sticking together through sickness and health and she showed that — despite whatever frame of mind he may have been in at that time when he rewrote the will. You can't disinherit your spouse. You can disinherit everyone — except for your spouse."

The question now is how Porizkova will make money to support herself. In addition to forthright Instagram posts about her living situation, she has also taken to posting unfiltered photos that show her as who she truly is. And while she has admitted she's never loved modeling, she seems to be determined to carve a new path in that world.

"Grief is certainly no beauty maker. My eyelids are starting to droop. The jowly bits next to my mouth don't only make me look older but also somehow bitter," she posted in January. "Now, how can I help to make all this — what we consider flaws — to be seen differently, to be seen as confidence and beauty of a mature age rather than something that needs to be eliminated?"

"She's certainly never had to worry about working. Now she does — but she's very smart, very capable, resourceful," said the modeling agent. "If the court decision doesn't go her way, I'm sure her sons will help, and she will reinvent in a new and interesting way, I have no doubt."

Inside Paulina's Gramercy Park home as she moves out



SEPT. 1: "Beginning the process of letting go ... of thirty years ... everything that made me feel safe," Porizkova wrote on Instagram. "Today is not a good day."



OCT. 13: "The trucks are here. Two hundred and nineteen boxes ... And this is just the beginning of the end."



OCT. 16: "Last two days in my house. It's empty, cold and dirty. I've never cried as much as I have in the last year. I was never a crier ... This year has shown me I had tears to spare."

Oh, grape! H'ween pug dressed to the K-9s

Happy Hallo-woof!

A pug dressed up for Halloween as a bunch of grapes was one of hundreds of aww-worthy submissions to the Tompkins Square Park Halloween Dog Parade's annual costume contest, held virtually Saturday with entrants from as far away as Canada and California.

Surrounded by all the faux fixings for a delightful afternoon at the park, 2-year-old Betsey looks as cute as can be wearing a cap and suit made of felt grapes while sitting perched inside a wicker basket. Her owner, Lisa Kerner of Plainville, Mass., aptly titled the submission "Feeling GRAPE."

Other adorable pups were decked out like a meat-and-cheese plate, an "emotional suppawn" dog and a Leprechaun.

The winners of the 30th annual contest will be selected this week by parade organizers with the Tompkins Square Dog Run.

Sara Dorn



RUSSIA

Hungry polar bears in Siberia have prompted locals to create an emergency patrol to look out for the beasts.

Last year, 56 polar bears made their way to a town in the Chukotka region of Russia, forcing the creation of an emergency bear patrol and the cancellation of public events. Melting sea ice is forcing the animals south to scavenge for food near human settlements.

★ CHINA

A scroll by Chinese artist Wu Bin sold Sunday for \$76.6 million at an auction in Beijing.

The price of the black and white "Ten Views of a Fantastic Rock" was a record for an ancient Chinese painting.

CAMBODIA

Farmers in Cambodia are trying a novel approach to warding off the coronavirus: scarecrows.

The pop up creations are known as "Ting Mong" in the native Khmer language and are traditionally used to protect against illness such as Dengue Fever.

"It is our ancient superstition to set up Ting Mong when there are dangerous diseases or to avert evil," said farmer Sok Chany.

JAPAN

Residents in the Japanese town of Takikawa are using a robotic wolf with glowing red eyes to scare away bears.

Although bears are a symbol of the region, while foraging for food in advance of hibernation, they have been known to attack humans. The robot wolf, created by a Hokkaido machine parts company, has an infrared sensor, which when tripped, causes the animal to howl and its head to swivel.

BELGIUM

Now this is a scary scene just in time for Halloween: Mutant crayfish which clone themselves and travel across land at night have invaded a cemetery in Belgium.

The crustaceans, which can dig more than three feet into the ground and are banned in the European Union, were apparently released by someone who owned one as a pet.

"It's impossible to round up all of them. It's like trying to empty the ocean with a thimble," one researcher said. Jon Levine, Wires

Tribeca COV fears

By SARA DORN

Large crowds outside the city's famed Blood Manor haunted house are spooking Tribecans over coronavirus concerns.

"We walked by there on Saturday evening and it was a mess . . . Aside from the noncompliant mask wearers, there were tons of people on the sidewalk drinking and getting high. We seriously don't even want to leave our apartment any more," one resident lamented on the Tribeca Citizen blog, which posted a photo taken Oct. 17 showing a tightly packed line of patrons outside the Broadway venue.

"This is so crazy. A haunted house during a pandemic!?" an-

Critics boo opening of 'haunted house'

other commenter seethed. "You'll have enclosed spaces (poor ventilation), people in costumes (masks?), people screaming in fun and fear (exhaling oxygen, spitting saliva, etc.) . . . therefore there's the potential for this to be a [COVID] petri dish (super spreader location). Who made this decision and when are they getting fired?"

Blood Manor, which has drawn

ire from neighbors since it moved to the 5,000-square-foot venue in 2017 over concerns about noise and other antics from people partying, was allowed to reopen for its annual Halloween stint, despite a statewide ban on gatherings of more than 50 people.

"OK, this is just ridiculous. While the rest of us wonder whether our kids will be able to attend school next week and local

restaurants sweat whether their tables are 6 feet apart . . . the city is permitting Blood Manor to run a pop-up haunted house on Broadway, attracting hordes of the maskless," the Tribeca Citizen wrote Monday.

Blood Manor's founder later defended it in the Citizen.

The 275-person venue only allows 60 patrons and 30 actors in at a time and follows a slew of other safety precautions, including supplying all actors with N95 masks worn under their costumes, Jim Lorenzo explained.

Lorenzo, who did not return a call from The Post, said in the Citizen that his son died of cancer in August, so he is "hypersensitive to COVID."

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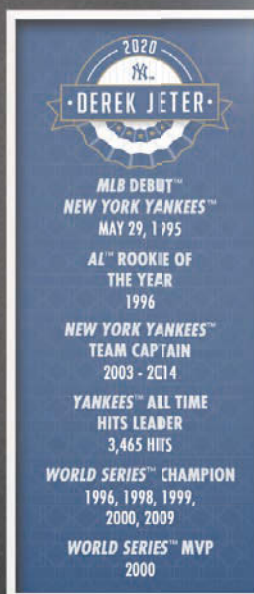
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Trump bops Borat

President Trump is no fan of Sacha Baron Cohen or his “Borat” character.

“Years ago, you know, he tried to scam me. And I was the only one who said no way. That’s a phony guy. And I don’t find him funny,” Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One Friday, The Sun reported. “To me, he was a creep.”

The incident with Cohen happened roughly 15 years ago, said Trump, without going into additional details.

The notorious British comedian has been in the headlines for tricking Trump lawyer and pal Rudy Giuliani into an embarrassing cameo in Cohen’s new film, “Borat Subsequent Moviefilm.”

“I admit, I don’t find you funny either,” Cohen tweeted in response. “But yet the whole world laughs at you.”

Cohen did score a brief interview with Trump in 2003 while dressed as his character Ali G.

The faux-British rapper pitched a visibly annoyed Trump on the possibility of investing in gloves to protect one’s hands while eating ice cream.

“I hope you make a lot of money,” Trump told him dismissively before leaving.

Jon Levine

Calif. ‘fiery’ power cuts

Pacific Gas & Electric may cut power to more than 1 million people on Sunday to prevent the chance of sparking wildfires as extreme fire weather returns to the region, the utility announced Friday.

The nation’s largest utility said it could black out customers in 38 counties — including most of the San Francisco Bay Area — as weather forecasts called for a return to bone-dry, gusty weather that carries the threat of downing or fouling power lines or other equipment that in recent years have been blamed for igniting massive and deadly blazes in central and Northern California. AP

CROWN VIC-TIMS

Bros’ split was fated after royal mishandling of Diana’s death

THRONE FOR A LOOP: The new book “Battle of Brothers,” by Robert Lacey, examines how once-close princes Harry (near right) and William have, seemingly irreparably, fallen apart.



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JANE RIDLEY



PRINCE Harry and Prince William were once the closest of friends, there for each other through thick and thin, charmingly choosing to rent a cottage together while training to become helicopter pilots in 2009.

“I do a fair bit of tidying up after him. He snores a lot, too. He keeps me up all night long,” William affectionately joshed about his younger sibling in a TV interview at the time.

Just over a decade later, jokes are thin on the ground.

With William in London and Harry in Montecito, Calif., there are 5,500 miles between them. They’re also in incredibly different head spaces.

“The rift gets more serious with every passing day,” British historian Robert Lacey told The Post of the feud that caught fire after Harry and wife Meghan Markle quit the House of Windsor in March.

Lacey’s new book, “Battle of Brothers: William and Harry: The Inside Story of a Family in Tumult” (Harper), chronicles the ups and downs of the siblings’ relationship, which the author says is currently at an all-time low.

“The chickens have come home to roost,” said the author, who is also the historical consultant to “The Crown” on Netflix. “We thought the disorder, chaos and

tragedy of the ’80s and ’90s involving their parents were over. Now [it’s all] come back to life in the shape of these two boys. They are the legacy of all that heartache.”

He is referring to the 1981 “fairytale” wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer, followed by Charles’ infidelity with Camilla Parker Bowles, their bitter divorce in 1996 and Diana’s tragic death in a car crash one year later.

Lacey explained how the sons have drawn opposing conclusions from what went wrong.

“They both talk about the importance of mental health and acknowledge they are psychologically fragile. But they coped with it in different ways,” he said.

William, now 38, received advice about commitment to his country from his grandmother, Queen Elizabeth II — drawing strength from the idea he would one day be king.

As a result, Lacey said, “When he meets Kate Middleton at university, he actually makes the poor young woman wait nine years to effectively audition her for the job as wife to the head of state. He took the lesson of duty.”

By contrast, Harry, 36, took the

“opposite” lesson: that he was the victim of “the arranged marriage” between virginal Diana and the worldlier Charles that “swiftly became loveless.”

“His attitude was: ‘Well, I’m not going to make the same mistake as my parents,’” said Lacey. “‘I’m marrying for love.’ And he’s been so happy and proud to proclaim he loved Meghan virtually from the moment he met her in 2016. That impulse has guided him.”

Lacey thinks it’s a “tragedy” that Markle is no longer part of the clan.

“We welcomed a mixed-race member into the family but, 30 months later, she’s not royal any more. I think they missed an incredible opportunity there.”

Lacey blames the stuffy occupants of Buckingham Palace for balking at Meghan and Harry’s popular status as “rock-star royals” who overshadowed William and Kate.

“Everyone thought Harry was going to marry a nice girl called Henrietta or Annabel and go live in the countryside,” added Lacey. “Instead, he finds Meghan, full of American piss and vinegar, energy

and independence of thought. If you bring into the old-fashioned, creaking structure of the House of Windsor someone who is a crusader, dedicated to women’s rights and social change, she isn’t going to give up those qualities.

“When she came over to Britain, she thought it was a new platform. Whereas the royal family didn’t see themselves as offering her a platform at all.”

Harry, meanwhile, was appalled that William, together with Charles and, by extension, the queen, appeared to be unwilling to open their minds to even the possibility of Meghan becoming more of an activist.

The final straw, according to Lacey in “Battle of Brothers,” came when the queen delivered her 2019 Christmas broadcast with no portrait of Meghan, Harry or their son Archie in view.

“Who does or does not feature on the royal Christmas desk has always been like the changing panorama of faces on the historic balcony of Moscow’s Kremlin,” Lacey writes. “It showed who was in favor and who was not — and, at Windsor in December 2019, this even extended to babies.”

In March 2021, the family will “review” Megxit — with the queen likely hoping to bring Harry and Meghan home.

But Lacey predicts the summit will result in an even wider separation.

“It’s looking less and less likely for a reconciliation,” he said. “I don’t see a way back in for Harry, not into the working royal family.”



ROYAL PAIN: Lacey writes that Harry (front) and William are the legacy of mom Diana’s heartache.

Vogue star seduced enemies for intel

By RAQUEL LANERI

Toto Koopman: beautiful, bisexual, mixed-race cover girl. Coco Chanel: brilliant, bisexual, business-savvy fashion designer. The two women attended the same glittering parties, shared friends and lovers, and even worked together, with the “exotic,” long-limbed, green-eyed Koopman modeling for the famed couturier in the late 1920s.

Then came World War II.

A new book, “Toto & Coco” (Kelvin House), tells the parallel wartime stories of these two fashion plates and the wildly divergent paths they would take — one cozying up with the Nazis; the other risking her life to fight fascism.

“They went totally different ways,” author Alan Frame told The Post.

Indeed. Chanel spent the war holed up in the Ritz with her Gestapo lover, Baron Günther von Dincklage. Koopman, meanwhile, spied for the British, joined the Italian Resistance and endured horrors in Ravensbrück, Hitler’s concentration camp for women.

“The contrast between Chanel living throughout the war in the Ritz, and Toto living in caves, in jail in Italy and then in Ravensbrück — it was so dramatic,” said Frame.

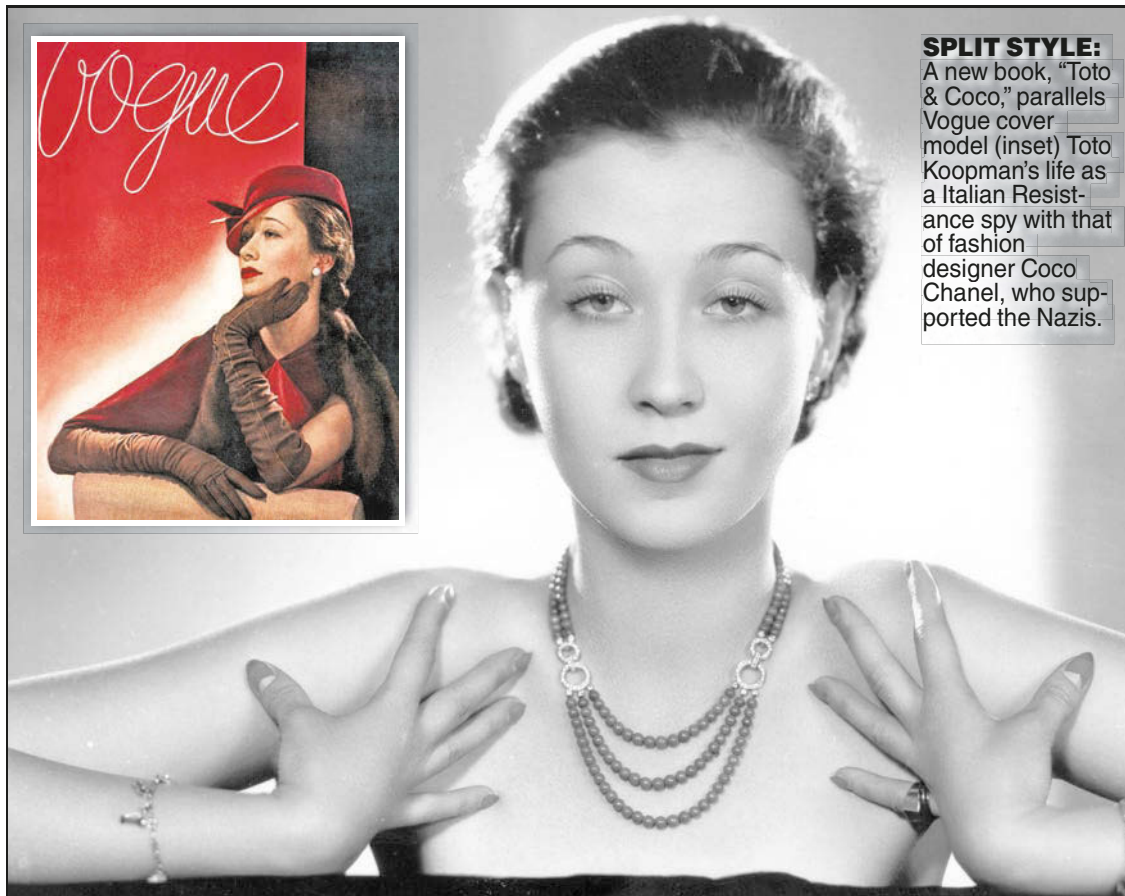
Koopman was born in 1908 to a Dutch cavalry officer and his half-Javanese wife in Indonesia. Her real name was Catharina, but her family called her “Toto,” after her father’s favorite horse, from infancy. She had a glitzy childhood: pet kangaroos and elephants, servants and nannies, boarding school in Holland and finishing school in London. By the time a 19-year-old Toto ran off to Paris, in 1928, she spoke Dutch, French, English, German and Italian.

“The fact that she could speak five languages fluently certainly helped in her becoming a spy,” said Frame.

Koopman captivated the City of Light right away, posing in the finest couture for Vogue — becoming the magazine’s first biracial cover model — and sleeping with both men and women, including the actress Tallulah Bankhead. She landed a job as Chanel’s house model, but left after six months. “[Chanel] was a bully,” Koopman would later say, though the women remained social for much of the 1930s and ’40s.

In 1934 Koopman began an affair with 55-year-old William Maxwell Aitken, aka Lord Beaverbrook, a Canadian-British newspaper baron and wartime cabinet minister. (She later ditched him for his son, a dashing pilot, whom she considered the love of her life.) Beaverbrook used the bright model to gather intelligence and gossip for his newspapers, and she eavesdropped on conversations at the opera and other high-society events throughout Europe.

During one of her trips to Rome, Koopman learned that Mussolini



SPLIT STYLE:

A new book, “Toto & Coco,” parallels Vogue cover model (inset) Toto Koopman’s life as a Italian Resistance spy with that of fashion designer Coco Chanel, who supported the Nazis.

Cover model spy of WWII

was planning to invade Ethiopia using poison gas, which he did several months later. While staying with Chanel at the Ritz, she learned that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor were planning to go to Germany and try to work out a peace agreement with Hitler.

“She had great powers of observation and a great memory,” said Frame. “It also helped that she was a very attractive woman.” Koopman wasn’t above seducing the enemy: Her conquests included a German intelligence officer, a Gestapo officer stationed in Holland and, allegedly, Mussolini’s son-in-law.

Yet in 1940, while stationed in Florence, Koopman left the glamorous world of espionage and joined

the gritty Italian Resistance.

“I thought I could join for a while and then report back from the hotel,” she later said. But “once I was in, I became totally immersed.”

She lived in caves, subsisting on foraged squirrels. “I think I missed not going to the hairdresser most . . . and I missed privacy,” the model said. “There certainly wasn’t much of that living from place to place with so many men.”

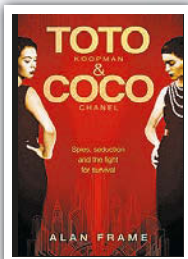
Koopman helped blow up enemy supplies and connect Jews and escaped detainees to Resistance networks between bouts in jail.

The Gestapo caught up with Koopman in 1943 and sent her to Ravensbrück. The women who avoided execution had to perform

slave labor, hauling wheelbarrows piled with dead bodies, and even forced sterilization. “I would rather have been shot immediately than to endure this,” Koopman later said.

She did endure, however, and after the camp was liberated in 1945, eventually settled in Switzerland and again in London, where she helped her new companion, lesbian Resistance member Erica Brausen, run an art gallery representing the likes of Francis Bacon. She died in 1991 at the age of 82, after suffering a stroke.

“It would have been very easy for Toto to sit out the war, having this comfortable, well-heeled life that she was used to,” Frame said. “But fortunately there was something in her that said, ‘No, I can’t do this; I have to stand up for what I know is right.’ She was incredibly brave.”



‘COV’ vote may turn LI elect

Hundreds of city refugees have registered to vote in the Hamptons, where they could decide the dead heat in eastern Long Island’s congressional race.

Polls show Republican incumbent Rep. Lee Zeldin, 40, neck and neck with rookie Democratic candidate Nancy Goroff, 52, in a district covering much of Suffolk County.

“I changed my registration to East Hampton because I feel my vote counts for a lot more here,” said a Manhattan lawyer and registered Republican who did not want to be identified.

He said he decamped to his East Hampton home during the worst of the coronavirus pandemic and decided to make it his primary residence.

“As long as they have bona fide residences in Suffolk County, they can change their registration,” said veteran election lawyer Jerry Goldfeder. “There are hotly contested local races in the Hamptons where their vote can make a difference.”

In East Hampton, 876 Big Apple residents with a second home there changed their registration, according to the Suffolk Board of Elections. The overwhelming majority of the city slickers, 672, are registered Democrats.

Isabel Vincent

Evers Coll. stiffs profs

Medgar Evers College failed to pay adjunct professors after classes resumed in September.

The 205 adjuncts were supposed to get checks Sept. 10 and 24.

But most of them were not paid until Oct. 8, and by Thursday, 5 percent of them were still awaiting paychecks, a college spokeswoman said.

“Adjuncts were onboarded late as a result of the enrollment and budgetary challenges that were caused by the pandemic,” Provost Augustine Okereke wrote in an Aug. 28 e-mail to department chairs.

Melissa Klein

A Pennsylvania family won't be handing out candy for Halloween, but that doesn't mean costumed kids won't get their goodies.

Vince Mak of York County designed a secret "weapon" to keep trick-or-treating safe amid the COVID-19 pandemic — a candy catapult that launches treats into the bags of Halloween goblins and ghouls.

How about those piercing eyes!

Germany's Rolf Bucholz, 58, set a Guinness World Record for most body modifications — 516 — including tattoos, implants and piercings, 158 around his lips.

He says he became addicted to body modification after getting his first tattoo at age 40.

A grumpy-faced grouper is the Hannibal Lecter of his watery world!

Caretakers at a Finland aquarium recently bought down-in-the-mouth Mikko a special treat — a salmon cake — for his 16th birthday.

Mikko had appeared glum because no human visitors were around after the facility temporarily closed due to the pandemic.

He also has no fishy companions in his tank — because he keeps eating them.

This Florida man was spaced out.

James Fleurant, 28, was busted for repeatedly calling 911 to report "seeing aliens, little ones flying low."

The Vero Beach resident told the emergency operator he did not want "to go 'Independence Day' on them," an apparent reference to the 1996 sci-fi interstellar-battle movie starring Will Smith, Jeff Goldblum, and Bill Pullman.

The Las Vegas Rat Pack is back.

Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr., Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop may be gone, but real rats plunged the Paris Hotel-Casino in Vegas into darkness Thursday night, panicking patrons stuck in elevators.

The pack of rodent residents wreaked havoc in the building's power plant.

Dean Balsamini, Wires

Mob rat's tell-all site angers feds

WISEGUY BLOGS & BLABS

By DEAN BALSAMINI

This mob rat isn't breaking legs, but he's busting chops.

Star wiseguy witness John Pennisi, who testified at three major trials last year, has launched a blog that pulls back the curtain on his Lucchese crime family "friends" — and has infuriated his federal handlers, Jerry Capeci writes at ganglandnews.com.

The 51-year-old mob turncoat created sit-downnews.com to give "readers education and insight into 'the life' from firsthand knowledge and experience."

Pennisi is not shy about chronicling the hits — and misses — of made men.

In one entry, "A Mob Handbook," clueless La Cosa Nostra candidate John "Butch" Arpino allegedly seeks advice from Pennisi on how one wiseguy should let another know that he too is a wiseguy.

When Pennisi repeats the curious inquiry to John "Johnny Sideburns" Cerrella, a then-acting Lucchese captain, the boss shakes

his head and says, "It is truly unbelievable, a guy like that got no business [becoming a made man]. What's it come to? They now gotta hand them a f-king handbook after they straighten them out!"

Oct. 16's "The Gotti Chaperone Ended Up with a Broken Bone" documents a circa-2000 snafu involving the Gotti family. Peter Gotti accompanied his niece, Victoria, on a trip to see her father, Gambino godfather John Gotti, in the federal pen at Marion, Ill. After the visit, Uncle Pete ordered a long-time associate to chaperone his niece, who wanted to take in a movie.

"No harm done, just two adults enjoying a night at the movies," Pennisi writes. However, days later, Victoria's hot-headed Gambino capo husband, Carmine "Bull" Agnello, "got wind of the movie night." He summoned the chaperone to his Jamaica junkyard and allegedly broke his arm with a baseball bat.

The revelatory blog by "a potential trial witness" doesn't sit well with a "furious" US Attorney's Office and the FBI, who, according to



'LIFE' EXPERIENCE: John Pennisi's (left) Mafia blog includes Lucchese captain John Cerrella's (inset) complaints about today's mobsters and the time Victoria Gotti's husband Carmine Agnello (together above) beat an associate for spending time with her. But feds aren't happy about the potential witness blabbing.

Gang Land, "have pushed [Pennisi] to take it down."

The Manhattan US Attorney's Office has spent more than two years piecing together a blockbuster racketeering case against acting Lucchese boss Michael "Big Mike" DeSantis and underboss Patrick "Patty Red" Dellorusso, Gang Land reported. Pennisi "is expected to finger them from the witness stand."

Pennisi has posted four times since the site went up Oct. 13.

"I consider writing the blog therapy while I await my sentencing and get on with my life as a law-abiding citizen instead of the mobster I once was," a defiant Pennisi told Gang Land, noting his blog musings did not violate his

cooperation agreement and that he had a "First Amendment right to speak his mind."

Pennisi, who was inducted into the Lucchese crime family in 2013, according to Gang Land, started cooperating with the FBI about two years ago after a series of incidents convinced him the Luccheses had him wrongly pegged as a stoolie and marked for death, he testified in federal court last year.

He has done time for manslaughter and weapon possession, according to state Corrections records.

Pennisi writes that he "presently spends his time as a Dad, helping people, practicing self betterment, a blogger and living life to the fullest."

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Does this nail come from Jesus' crucifix?

Fragments of nails that were believed to have been used in the crucifixion of Jesus Christ have ancient wood and fragments of bone on them, according to a study released last week.

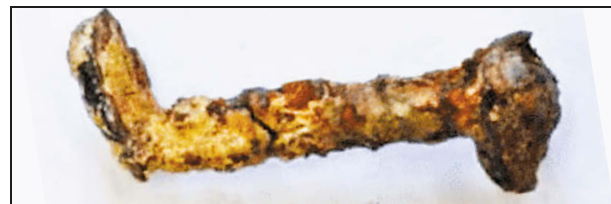
The fragments first came to

light after the 1990 excavation of a burial site of Caiaphas, the high priest who organized a plot to kill Jesus, according to the New Testament.

The nails (including one at right) went missing but re-emerged after filmmaker Sim-

cha Jacobovici said he found those used in his 2011 documentary "Nails of the Cross." Last week, a study concluded the nails were the same ones taken from the Caiaphas site, and were used to crucify someone.

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SCHOOL 'WI' FIND

Kid's only access outside

By MELANIE GRAY

Jonathan Endecott wanted to be a normal kid again, to get back to class and his friends. But the 9-year-old New Mexico boy didn't know quite how because of the darned coronavirus.

His school in Roswell is closed and switched to remote learning, but his mother, Angel Endecott, couldn't afford their Internet bill after she lost both of her jobs.

"He was like, 'Yeah, I need to be back on the school property, and I could be like a normal kid again,'" she told CNN.

So Mom suggested her



Facebook

SAD SIGHT: Jonathan Endecott, 9, of Roswell, NM, lies outside his school building — so he can use the site's Internet access, which his mother couldn't afford.

son get a move on — walk to his school building and connect with the Wi-Fi there.

Endecott didn't have any qualms about the jaunt because Jonathan had walked the few blocks every day last year. So he walked to school, where he sat — sometimes lying down — outside the front door.

"Him just being outside of the building gives him that, 'Hey, I'm at school' feeling even though he's not around other classmates or teachers," she told CNN.

Seeing Jonathan broke educator Sabrina Talbott Harbour's heart. She shared a picture of him online.

"This young boy has no Internet at his home," Harbour wrote. "He has been getting up and walking to school every day to connect to the school Wi-Fi from outside the school. He sits there every day from 8:00-2:45."

She went on: "This isn't ok. The kids will be better off in school."

After the story went public, someone paid the family's Internet bill for a year.

Post Weather Report

Sunday

Today: Cooler with times of clouds and sun. High 49 to 55.

Tonight: Cloudy, a shower or two. Low 47 to 53.

Monday

Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy. High 59 to 65.

Tomorrow night: Mostly cloudy. Low 50 to 56.

Tuesday

Cloudy, a shower. High 51 to 57.

Evening: Rain and drizzle. Low 44 to 50.

Wednesday

Partial sunshine. High 53 to 59.

Evening: Showers around. Low 47 to 53.

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ESTERDAY'S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 12PM

Temperature
High: 64, Low: 63, Mean: 64

Departure from Normal
Yesterday: +9 degrees

Precipitation
Yesterday: 0.00", Month: 2.73", Year: 4.43", Normal year to date: 41.08"

Heating Degree Days Yesterday
Total for the month (normal)107 (185)
Total since July 1 (normal)143 (227)
Past season to date149

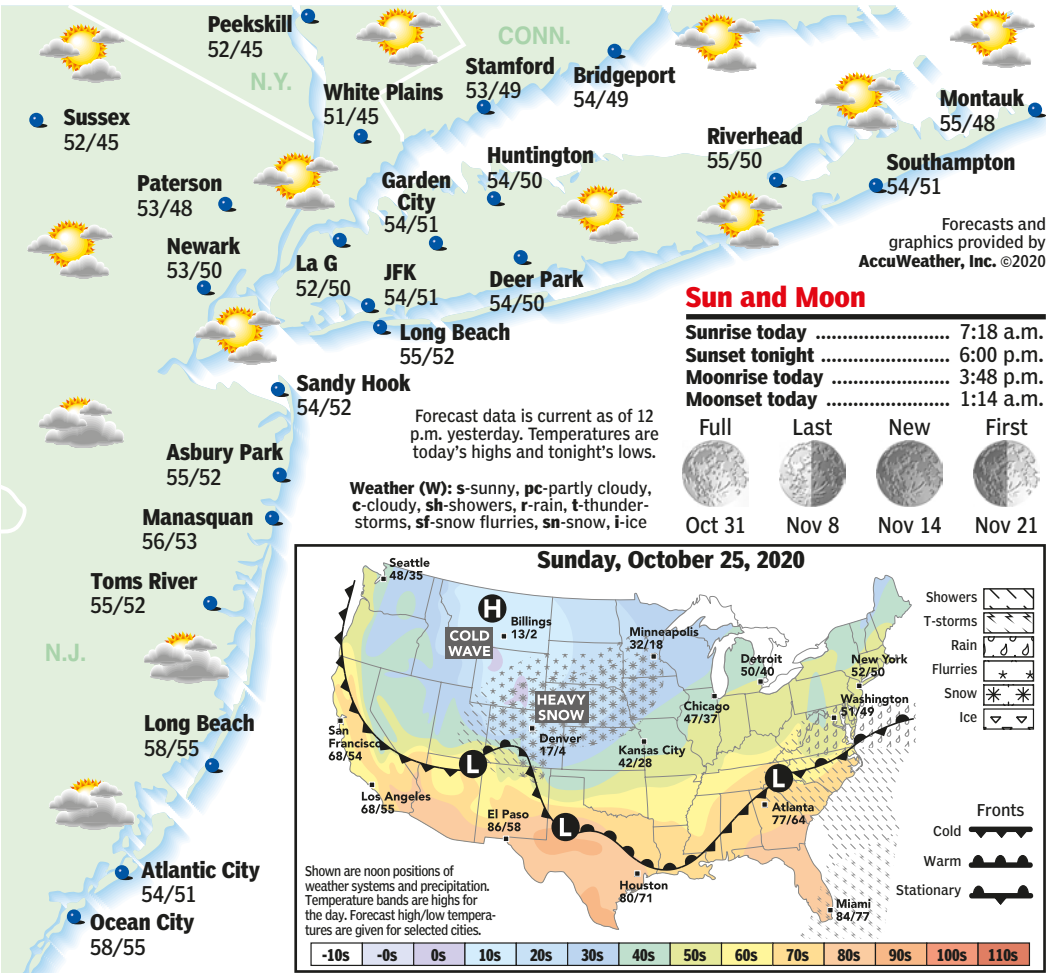
Wind Chill (at noon yest.) 64

V index (for Sun.) 2 (Low)

Humidity (at noon) 84%

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Pollen: Low. Predominant pollen: Ragweed

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Hempstead	7:58a	8:24p	8:58a	9:22p
Huntington	7:35a	8:01p	8:37a	9:02p
Jones Inlet	3:28a	3:48p	4:27a	4:44p
Montauk Point	5:11a	5:36p	6:10a	6:28p
Port Washington	8:06a	8:32p	9:05a	9:30p
Sandy Hook	3:48a	4:08p	4:47a	5:04p
Regional cities	TODAY		TOMORROW	
Albany	49/36/pc		49/40/sh	
Danbury	52/42/pc		56/46/c	
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Stroudsburg	50/42/c		57/48/sh	
Torrington	51/42/pc		54/46/c	
Syracuse	51/40/pc		53/41/sh	
World cities	TODAY		TOMORROW	
Athens	78/61/sh		77/62/pc	
Baghdad	94/60/pc		93/59/pc	
Beijing	67/42/pc		74/43/pc	
Berlin	63/47/pc		55/46/sh	
Cairo	82/66/s		86/68/s	
Dublin	52/45/sh		53/42/sh	
Geneva	62/47/c		50/43/sh	
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The twisted
sex lives of
Nazis and the
women who
loved them

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THE media tackled what was happening in the summer and fall of 2016 like the third string of the New York Jets. They blew it. They whiffed. They could not conceive of a Donald Trump victory, and so they portrayed this event as a near-impossibility. To their credit, they admitted it, and they vowed to do better next time.



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"If I have a mea culpa for journalists and journalism, it's that we've got to do a much better job of being on the road, out in the country, talking to different kinds of people than the people

we talk to . . . and remind ourselves that New York is not the real world," New York Times editor Dean Baquet admitted after the election.

CNN's Van Jones dubbed the world that the most vocal Democrats live in "the resistance bubble" and criticized Hillary Clinton's failed election strategy. "It turns out, 'You suck. Vote for me,' is not a good slogan. It's not a good bumper sticker," he said on a podcast two years ago, while urging progressives to open their minds to alternative ideas. "We have to build up the capacity to hold a lot of different views," he said. "I don't have to say, 'You are a bad person. You are a bigot. You are a sexist. You are a homophobe. Therefore, you must agree with me.'"

It sounded promising. But what did the media do after the dust settled and Trump geared up for reelection? Like a guy who comes out of rehab and heads straight for the nearest martini lounge, they relapsed. They couldn't help themselves. They went back to putting 99 percent of their efforts into telling themselves a story they all believed: that Donald Trump was not just a horrible Republican president — aren't they all? — but an actual threat to the Republic: Fifth Avenue Hitler, Benito Trumpolini, Orange-White nationalist. Virtually every national story they told the public ignored heartland concerns and came straight from the point of view of liberal Manhattan — Fantasy Island. To the media, Russia collusion is just about to be proven after four years of trying, Trump's tweets matter more than Trump's economy, and a pandemic that hit harder in Western Europe is all his fault.

Instead of focusing on real Americans who back the police, hate anarchists and don't believe in forever lockdowns, the media dubbed arson and murder "mostly peaceful protests" (CNN). "Help me find Trump's 'anarchists' in Portland," echoed Nicholas Kristof of the Times, after two months of street demonstrations that included widespread vandalism, clashes between antifa mobs and the police, and attacks on the city's federal courthouse. The media mercilessly ridiculed red states for supposedly not taking the coronavirus seriously, and eight months into it, it's still the blue states that have suffered by far the most casualties. (In the blue states, death rates

Hysteria repeats itself

The US media insists on treating President Trump as some sort of Godzilla-like threat to the republic—even as he handles the COVID crisis better than Europe and the US economy rebounds.



The media vowed to do better after being wrong about Trump in 2016. But they just got worse.

per 100,000 residents are 40 percent higher than in red states, according to an AEI study. Of the first 210,000 deaths in the US from COVID-19, only 33,000 took place in red states.)

This week, even the most cynical observer of the media — that would be me — has to be dumbfounded at the next-level failure by most elite journalists to report on the volcanic explosion of Biden family scandals revealed by The Post's blockbuster scoop last week. To date, Team Biden hasn't refuted any aspect of the story,

except a mealy-mouthed denial that there was a formal meeting between Joe Biden and Ukrainian energy exec Vadym Pozharskyi, though they admit there might have been an informal one. The media and their bros in Silicon Valley set to work burying the facts like mobsters in the woods, but true stories cannot be given the Jimmy Hoffa treatment. The Post's traffic is through the roof, and Biden's lead in top battlegrounds has softened. As other outlets expand upon and confirm The Post's reporting, Democrats

are sounding a lot less cocksure than they were two weeks ago.

Once, after getting it so wrong, the media vowed to reconnect with the people. Now their trick is to scream "disinformation" about any information inconvenient to the Bidens. Their new holy cause of dragging a confused old man across the finish line for the purpose of making America weak again will cost them a chunk of the very little trust they have left.

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POSTSCRIPT Culture Club

How a Holocaust survivor helped me find love — and light in a dark time for our world

by JULIE GRAY

LASTELY, I've been thinking about hope. Because I'm fresh out.

The ills of humanity — turmoil, strife, jealousy, hatred, sickness and death — have flown out of Pandora's box all at once, it seems. Hope, "The thing with feathers," as Emily Dickenson wrote, that "perches in the soul," is the only thing that remains within.

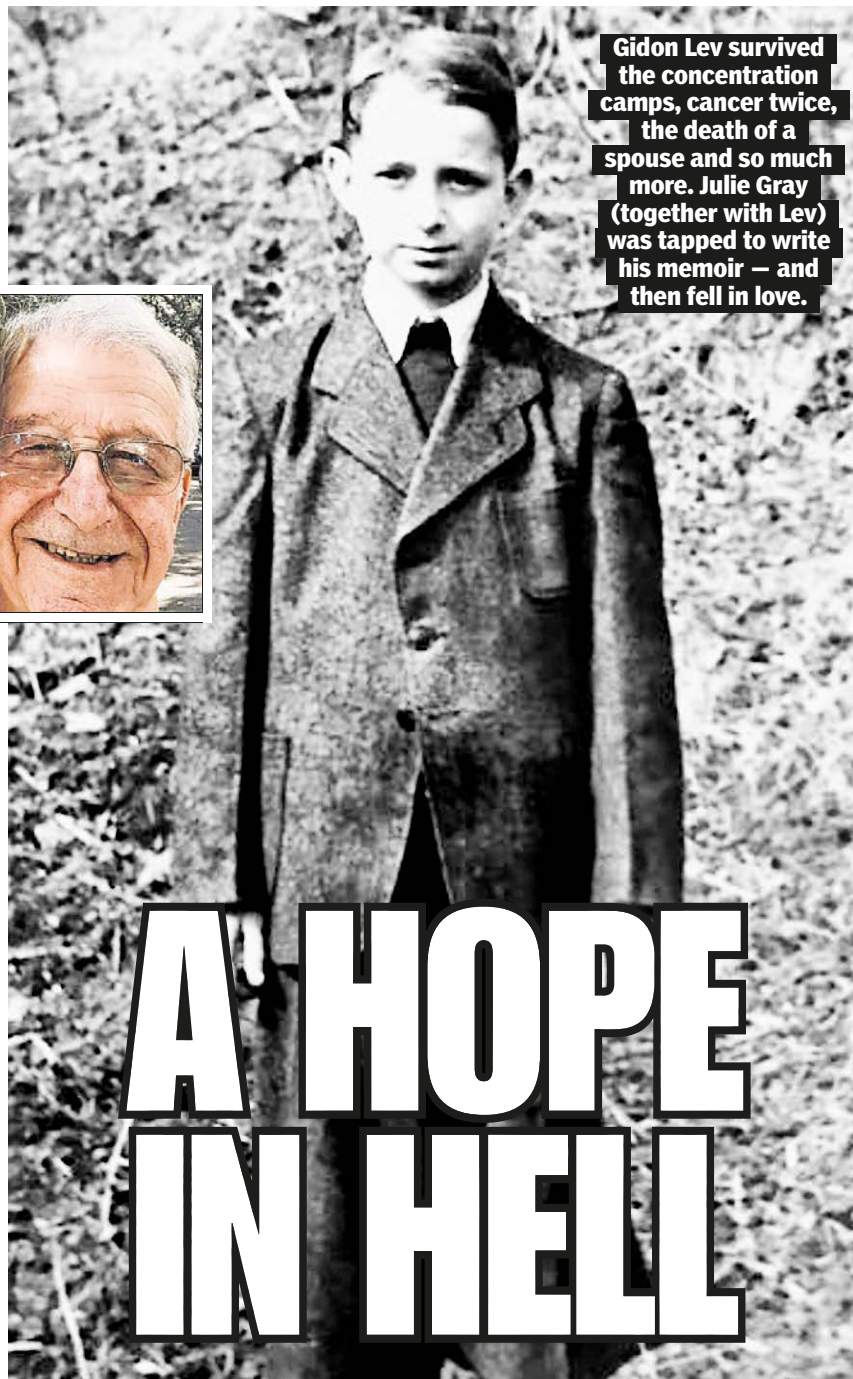
It's hard to feel hopeful when there is a pandemic in its second deadly wave and winter is on the way, making a third wave probable. Worldwide, there have been more than 1 million deaths from COVID, and we are still months — if not a year — away from finding an effective vaccine.

My life partner does not share my sense of hopelessness. In fact, he is implacably optimistic. So much so that sometimes I wonder if we are watching the same news on TV. That's not the only difference we have. He is 29 years older than me and is from the former Czechoslovakia. He is a Holocaust survivor, a former kibbutznik and dairy farmer and the father of six. I am from the '80s; I rode a Vespa, had bleach-blond hair, went to photography school and loved The Cure.

I met Gidon Lev three years ago when he was looking for someone to help him write a book about his life. Although I found him very charming, I turned the project down. First of all, I had no experience working with life stories. Secondly, as an editor with an eye on the market, I doubted whether his story would grab the attention of readers during such tumultuous, gloomy times. Yet I knew that Gidon's story was important — maybe even imperative. I took a leap of faith and wrote "The True Adventures of Gidon Lev: Rascal. Holocaust Survivor. Optimist," which came out this year. I had no idea what I was getting into; in the writing of the book, I fell in love with Gidon and I also found a master teacher of the practice of hope.

Gidon was born in Karlovy Vary (or Carlsbad) in 1935, about six months after Hitler was elected Führer in Germany. When Hitler annexed the Sudetenland in 1938, Gidon and his family fled

Gidon Lev survived the concentration camps, cancer twice, the death of a spouse and so much more. Julie Gray (together with Lev) was tapped to write his memoir — and then fell in love.



to Prague. In 1941, the family was transported to the Theresienstadt ghetto and concentration camp. Gidon was 6 years old. The camp was liberated by the Red Army in May 1945. It took almost a year before Gidon and his mother, the only two surviving family members, discovered the fates of their loved ones. Gidon's father was 45 years old when he died on a transport from Auschwitz to Buchenwald.

When Gidon was a child, the whole world was ending, over and over, every hour of every day. Hope was the only thing that could not be taken away from him.

As I worked on "The True Adventures," I realized that it was an oversimplification to think that Gidon's experience in a concentration camp is what makes him hopeful. Long after he was liberated at age 10, Gidon has gone through many difficult and heartbreaking experiences. His first marriage ended tragically, and he suffered from cancer — twice. He lost his second wife after 40 years. Gidon has experienced loneliness, despair and hopelessness many times.

For Gidon, sadness, loss and suffering are unavoidable facts of life that are layered between other life facts like joy, adventure, laughter and change. Over his 85 years of living, he has pushed, pulled, worked, succeeded, failed and risked over and over again. Gidon sees what is in front of him, whatever set of circumstances, as a challenge that he might be able to overcome or a pleasure that he will probably enjoy. This, to me, is the essence, the real power of "positive thinking."

Gidon isn't always cheerful nor does he overcome every challenge. But to him, hope, laughter and gratitude are old-fashioned good habits like exercising or brushing your teeth. In other words, hope takes practice and repetition. In Gidon's life, hope has been the difference between living and dying.

"You don't get the life that you want," Gidon once told me. "You get the life that you get." Gidon understands, through lived experience, that the fact that we are alive at all is evidence of hope, realized, over and over again. Hope doesn't just grow on trees; it must be planted and nurtured regularly.

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Courtesy of Gidon Lev and Julie Gray

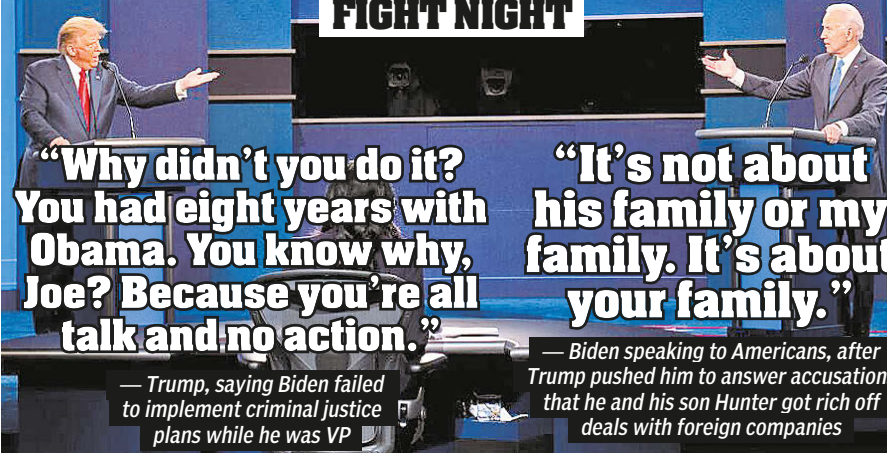
— Chatter —



"I have heard Joe Biden say he has never discussed his dealings with Hunter. That is false. I have firsthand knowledge about this because I directly dealt with the Biden family, including Joe Biden."

— Hunter Biden's ex-business associate Tony Bobulinski (left) accusing Joe Biden of lying about his involvement in his family's overseas dealings

FIGHT NIGHT



"Why didn't you do it? You had eight years with Obama. You know why, Joe? Because you're all talk and no action."

— Trump, saying Biden failed to implement criminal justice plans while he was VP

"It's not about his family or my family. It's about your family."

— Biden speaking to Americans, after Trump pushed him to answer accusations that he and his son Hunter got rich off deals with foreign companies

"Homosexual people have a right to be in a family. They're children of God."

— Pope Francis, acknowledging gay people's right to same-sex civil unions for the first time





KEVIN D. WILLIAMSON

THE Supreme Court probably is not going to nullify ObamaCare. Congress should — one piece at a time.

Democrats opposed to the nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court were very worried — or at least pretended to be worried — about the upcoming case challenging the constitutionality of the so-called Affordable Care Act. The case is based on a legal theory considered pretty shaky on both sides of the aisle — many conservative legal analysts who would like to see the ACA repealed believe that the Court is extremely unlikely to throw it out. Some have gone as far as to predict a 9-0 ruling against the challenge.

But, in one meaningful sense, the ACA already has been nullified — the law never has been fully implemented as it was designed, and it is almost certain at this point that it never will be. Republicans opposed some key features — the mandates and the exchanges — while Democrats opposed others, such as the “Cadillac” tax on generous private health-care plans and a tax on those medical-device manufacturers who are so generous to Sen. Elizabeth Warren.

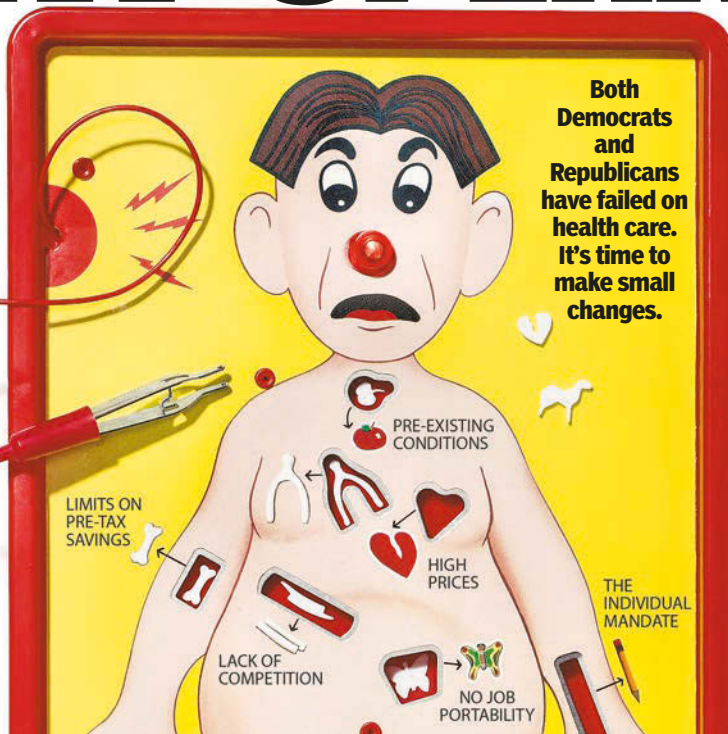
And what was implemented did not work as intended: One in ten Americans, 32 million in all, still go without health insurance. And while President Barack Obama promised Americans a \$2,500-a-year reduction in insurance premiums, premiums were increasing at an average of 22 percent a year by the end of his presidency, according to US government figures.

Republicans tried — or pretended to try — to repeal the ACA in one go.

We need to burn the Affordable Care Act and rebuild it — piece by piece

But, somehow, in spite of controlling both the White House and both houses of Congress, they never quite got it done. A total repeal would provide a cathartic political victory, but Republicans have denied themselves that big win because of two words: “Then what?”

They don’t have a good answer. Americans have not embraced a larger government role in health care because they are socialistic but because they are risk-averse where health care is concerned. Conservatives too often ignore that or fail to understand it. They spent the ACA debate mulishly insisting that we have “the best health-care system in the world,” while many millions of Americans disagreed. Millions still disagree.



and to the way insurance is regulated.

One possible reform would be to allow all Americans to pay their insurance premiums with pretax dollars, which would eliminate the tax advantage for employer-based plans. Allowing insurance purchases across state lines would be a bigger legislative lift, but it is far from impossible.

Together, those two reforms would go a long way toward the creation of a robust and competitive market in health insurance rather than the fragmented and less competitive one we have now. And markets work wonders: Nobody loves his cellular provider, but if it were possible and as inexpensive to join or change a health-insurance plan as easily as a mobile-phone plan, many Americans would be relieved. And greater portability would eliminate coverage interruptions caused by job changes or unemployment — relieving the main source of the preexisting-conditions problem.

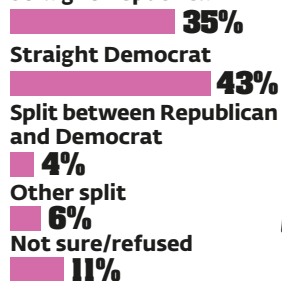
Because the health insurance market is complex, it is very difficult to say with any accuracy how effective any given policy initiative will be in the long term. The truth is, we just don’t know. We don’t have to. We can’t fix it all at once, and should stop pretending that we can. At the same time, working to bring down prices and improve portability and flexibility are self-reinforcing reforms: an improvement in one reinforces the others.

Democrats failed to implement the ACA. Republicans failed to repeal it. The Supreme Court probably won’t throw it out. But we can build a better health-care system the way Johnny Cash built his Cadillac: one piece at a time.

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SPLITTING THE BILL

Voters, on how they plan to vote in the races for president and House of Representatives



— Pew



“I believed I was not visible on Zoom.”

— New Yorker editor Jeffrey Toobin, after he was suspended for allegedly masturbating during a company meeting on video

VIRAL COMMENTS

“People are tired of hearing Fauci and all these idiots.”

— Trump, claiming that Americans are bored of hearing about the coronavirus from scientists and doctors like Anthony Fauci (right)

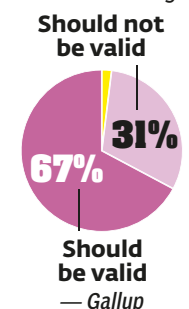


“Nothing personal, strictly business.”

— Fauci, quoting “The Godfather” in response to Trump’s criticism

LICENSE TO WED

Percentage of Americans who say they support legal same-sex marriage



THEY STILL DIG

In 2016, Pennsylvania miners helped put Trump into the White House. Four years later, they have no regrets

SYCAMORE, Pa. — The one thing all the guys know about Sara Vance is she never cries.



SALENA ZITO

Which is why her co-workers — all men — dropped their tools when Vance suddenly broke down in a flood of tears after she failed to shovel coal into a conveyor belt.

Pregnant with her first child and just weeks before the due date, she was 1,200 feet below the surface of the earth with no easy way out.

“I wasn’t in pain or going into labor,” Vance said. “I was just so frustrated because my belly was getting in my way of shoveling. I take pride in being able to do my job and those tears just started falling the more exasperated I became.”

Within minutes a dozen men were at her side. Vance was placed in the mantrip and driven through the seven miles of underground maze at Harvey Mine to an elevator where a stretcher waited to take her to the surface.

“I told them I do not need a stretcher and I certainly do not need an ambulance because I was not having a baby at that moment. I was just mad I couldn’t do my job,” Vance said, laughing at the memory.

Vance, who is 33 and blessed with thick, curly red hair, striking brown eyes and a rich Appalachian drawl, is standing in the cavernous locker room of the Harvey Mine in Greene County, Pa. It is eleven months since she had her daughter, Alexis, and she is about to descend once again for her daily shift.

The daughter of one of the first female coal miners in the country, Vance is dressed head-to-foot in full protective gear including overalls, hard hat, steel-toed boots, mining light, portable oxygen — and a red, white and blue mask emblazoned with the words “Trump 2020.”

In 2016, presidential candidate Donald J. Trump told coal miners in western Pennsylvania he was going to bring their jobs back — along with the engineers, chemists and geologists who work alongside them. In return, Trump won big around the coal-producing parts of Appalachian Pennsylvania. His oversized turnout in the coal counties of Washington, Greene,

Cambria, Somerset, Westmoreland, Luzerne and Fayette helped earn him that 41,000-vote edge over Hillary Clinton in Pennsylvania, who famously told a town-hall audience during her campaign. “We’re going to put a lot of coal miners and coal companies out of business.”

Four years later, I met with dozens of miners to see if their feelings for Trump have changed. All the workers I spoke to not only still support Trump for reelection, they firmly believe he has done right by their industry.

Those who live outside the hollers point to statistics that show more coal jobs have been lost since Trump took office. And it’s true: According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were close to 90,000 coal-mining jobs in 2012, compared with 46,600 today. In the last five years, 483 coal-fired electric generating units in the US have closed or announced their retirement.

But those who work in the industry said they aren’t blind to the data. Rather, they said that Trump’s shift away from Obama’s policies was the first step toward reversing the trend.

“We in the industry knew when he said he was bringing it back that it wasn’t going to happen overnight, nor was it going to ever look like it once did at its peak,” said Vance, the only female miner at the facility that employs 300 total underground.

In 2008, when candidate Barack Obama ran for president, his mantra of “Hope and Change” was not seen as a threat to the livelihoods of working-class voters. Obama won Pennsylvania by a whopping 10.3 percentage points, with healthy victories in Luzerne and Cambria counties and a close loss here in Greene

County.

But in 2015, President Obama unveiled the Clean Power Plan, which aimed to reduce US power sector emissions 32 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and switch the country’s electrical grid away from coal-fired power plant dependence. Suddenly, coal miners felt the Democrat Party had abandoned not just their jobs but also their communities, deeply rooted in coal country for generations.

When he announced his Clean Power Plan, Obama snapped at Republicans, saying “they’ll claim this plan is a ‘war on coal’ to scare up votes” yet he only vaguely offered “support for retirement” and abstract, unnamed “better paying jobs” to replace the ones that would be eliminated.

“Those [Obama] rules picked winners and losers in the energy sector and we were on the losing end,” said Vance.

In 2016, many of those same “losers” in the energy sector helped put Trump in the White House.

DRIVE from the city of Pittsburgh, past its tidy tree-lined suburban neighborhoods, and the landscape soon becomes rolling hills, deep forests, sparkling creeks and bucolic farm scenes where many mines including the Harvey are located.

Coal has two very important purposes: to create electricity and make steel. Currently, thermal coal is used to generate 21.7 percent of the electricity in the US, while metallurgical coal is used to make 70 percent of the world’s steel. The Harvey Mine produces thermal coal, but both types are found in Western Pennsylvania.

With its office building sitting atop



Todd McNair (top inset), superintendent of the Harvey Mine, wonders why Joe Biden never helped miners through 50 years in government. Eric Schubel (inset above), vice president of operations for CONSOL Energy, says Trump has tried to stem the industry’s collapse.



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Sara Vance, 33, is a third-generation coal miner and mother (inset above) in Sycamore, Pa., who voted for Trump in 2016 — and will do so again next month. She and her compatriots at Harvey Mine (below) see their work as helping to build America.

a mountain, the casual observer would have no idea coal is being dug at the Harvey Mine. And while climate-change activists blogging in their homes believe they care more about this land and water than miners, the people who work here beg to differ.

"We are the people who hunt, fish, swim, hike and live here," said Eric Schubel. "We drink the water, we build on the land — more than anyone we want what we do to not hurt the environment."

Schubel began his career digging underground and has since earned his way to the top. He now serves as CONSOL Energy's vice president of operations overseeing the entire Pennsylvania Mining Complex that includes the Harvey Mine.

Of Trump's promise to bring back coal, Schubel said he never expected a miraculous resurgence. "How we looked at it was, he was going to put a stop to overregulation on our industry. That's how we read it," he said.

"The Obama administration's intent was to phase the coal industry out. Trump's pledge meant he would stop the bleeding," he added.

The Trump administration eventually replaced Obama's Clean Power Plan with the Affordable Clean Energy rule (ACE), which aims to lower power sector emissions by 11 million tons by 2030, or between 0.7 percent and 1.5 percent. And while Obama's plan set strict rules for how plants had to lower their emissions, with measures such as switching to cleaner power generation fuels or capturing carbon dioxide emissions, Trump's rule insisted on just one method: efficiency. Under his plan, power plants had to draw more energy from the same amount of fuel.

Since then, many plants have implemented new technologies that make them more productive and competitive. But critics say this is a problem in itself — that by making coal burning more profitable, Trump has encouraged the burning of even more of it, leading to greater environmental damage.

Schubel said his industry knows it must cut emissions, and Trump has made it easier to do that. "He was successful over the last four years in rolling back some of the regulations and stopping that harm that was being done to our industry," he said. "Although in my opinion, the harm was almost irreparable. You can't turn back the hands of time.

The best that you can hope for is that it either slows or stops. That's why I voted for Mr. Trump the first time, and that's why I'll vote for him again."

A RECENT study by the Allegheny Conference found Pennsylvania's coal industry supports about 17,000 jobs either directly or indirectly. In addition, Pennsylvania's oil and natural gas industry fuels more than 322,000 direct and indirect jobs and contributes \$45 billion to the state's economy, according to a PricewaterhouseCoopers analysis.

Those voters and their families could swing an election.

Trump's Democratic opponent Joe Biden has his own unique baggage here: As Obama's vice president, he was part of the administration that killed coal and is as much a turn off for these miners as Hillary Clinton was in terms of trustworthiness and respect. "He has been in the government for almost 50 years and he really hasn't done anything to help our industry in all of that time," said Todd McNair, superintendent at the Harvey Mine. "I don't see how he'd do a good job now."

And, at Thursday's presidential debate, Biden didn't help his cause when he admitted: "I would transition away from the oil industry, yes." A Reuters/Ipsos poll shows Trump cutting into Biden's lead in Pennsylvania, with 45 percent saying they'll back the president for reelection compared to 49 percent who support the former VP.

While many Americans believe coal is dead, miners argue the country depends on the survival of their industry, and that sense of belonging to something meaningful and important will energize them to vote this year.

"I'm a fourth-generation coal miner," McNair said. "In May of 1942, just months after Pearl Harbor, there was a massive mine explosion [and] my great-grandfather was killed along with 55 other men. My grandfather was underground when it happened. He tried to enlist to serve in World War II but the military wouldn't take him. Why? Because he was a coal miner. FDR knew that the industrial surge to support World War II was going to come from what they dug in the mines."

Vance agreed.

"I look at my job as patriotic. What I do powers office buildings and homes, the grocery stores where people get their food, as well as schools and churches and companies that build things that build our country. We help keep the lights on and keep people warm as well," she said.

"Down there," she added, pointing to the earth below her, "this isn't about us. This is about who we serve, about our work being part of something much bigger than ourselves."

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A DEEP LOYALTY

When miners at the Harvey in Pennsylvania were asked who they were voting for, they didn't mince words.



"I am going to vote for Donald Trump to help keep my job."

— **Bob Casino, 49, of Bruceton Mills, W.Va.**



"Where Trump goes we all go."

— **Kevin Backus, 32, of Mt. Lookout, W.Va.**



"Trump is the answer."

— **Rick Uphold, 60, of New Freeport, Pa.**



"Trump — always putting America first."

— **Andrew Yackuboskey, 37, of Peters Township, Pa.**

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POSTSCRIPT Editorial

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Losing Our Finest

Months of protesters pushing to “defund the police,” and politicians bending over backward to appease them, have taken a toll on America’s Finest.

Since protests began in late May after the death of George Floyd, over a dozen chiefs and record numbers of officers have retired or resigned in cities all over the country.

Here in the city, more than 2,000 members of the NYPD put in their retirement paperwork these last seven months, an 87 percent jump over the same period last year.

Protests over the death of Daniel Prude moved Rochester’s police chief and his whole command staff to step down rather than let critics “destroy” their characters by attributing the mistakes of individual officers to the whole department.

Politicians who try to appease the protesters by cutting police funding are another morale-killer. Seattle’s first black woman police chief resigned in August after the City Council voted to reduce her budget by \$4 million and cut 100 positions. She cited the “overarching lack of respect for the officers.”

Her city’s mayor had ordered the East Precinct shut down to pander to anarchists who took over several blocks to create the Capital Hill Autonomous Zone — only to eventually turn to police to clear out the loons after two teens got killed in the

chaos zone.

A record 39 Seattle PD officers left in September, with devastating exit interviews. One cop said Seattle had become a “socialist city” using restrictions against cops to promote a “political agenda.”

San Francisco — whose radical DA has effectively decriminalized a host of public-order offenses — has already lost twice as many officers as in all 2019. Asheville, NC, has seen 13 percent of its force quit.

This, when the nation needs police most. The National Commission on COVID-19 and Criminal Justice reports that homicides for June-July-August were 53 percent higher than in 2019, even as the pandemic should’ve depressed violent crime.

One Portland cop said it best in a letter to fellow officers after retiring: “It is up to us to tell the citizens that mob rule does not get to decide policy and law, but democracy must.”

It’s hard to blame officers for refusing to stay on the job when they’re slandered by protesters and hobbled by politicians. Who needs to be a scapegoat? But the loss of experienced professionals is a nightmare for public safety — since new cops are more likely to make mistakes.

The protesters may think they’re getting what they want, but the reality is that everyone but the criminals are losers here.

Kill the Rent Laws Now

Rents are collapsing while vacancy rates soar citywide. This is clearly the time to finally free New York City from its unjust, destructive rent laws. That way, at least one good thing would come from this pestilence of a pandemic.

StreetEasy just reported that third-quarter market-rate rents in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens are all below their levels of a year ago — something that last happened in the wake of the Great Recession. The median Manhattan rent dropped below \$3,000 for the first time in nearly a decade.

And the trends will continue — the market is flat with inventory, and the pandemic has plainly prompted a lot of people, especially higher earners, to move away permanently. Landlords are offering months of free rent to entice people to commit, even as the law temporarily bans evictions.

Unofficially, the city’s population is down by 500,000, and it won’t soar back up soon. Units are going for an average of 9 percent *below* the listed amount, and vacancies are still at historic highs.

In theory, this should end the city’s decades-long “housing emergency,” which stands as the legal justification for rent controls. If the vacancy rate is above 5 percent at the time of the next official survey, the rent laws are supposed to expire.

That would indeed be a cause for celebration. Landlords, who are now despairing, are given long-

term hope. And it wouldn’t hurt tenants — not when rents are dropping.

Rent control and rent stabilization keep prices artificially low, which discourages move-outs and the private production of affordable housing. Without these laws, nearly everyone would benefit, as a functional market would finally encourage healthy investment in new housing, without the fear that lawmakers would change the rules after the fact.

Yes, a few people with insanely good deals might lose out — but those aren’t the truly poor or even working-class renters that the laws are supposed to help.

We realize that the Democrats who control the Legislature won’t like any of this: They’re all too likely to change the law to keep the phony “emergency” going, since they can score easy political points by denouncing landlords as long as the laws keep the market broken.

But the truth remains: In US cities without rent laws, an abundant apartment supply keeps rents reasonable and provides enough slack so renters — especially low-income ones — can more easily find and move into larger places as their needs change. Government doesn’t have to spend big creating or subsidizing low-income housing.

This is New York’s chance at a normal housing market — an opportunity not to be missed.

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WHAT DID

Biden has a problem. His name is Hunter.

JOE Biden has a problem, and his name is Hunter. Because the former vice president hasn’t had to answer any questions on this topic, that problem could soon become America’s.

That’s the reality now that a former business partner of Hunter Biden’s has come forward to provide the ugly details of the “family brand.” Tony Bobulinski, a Navy veteran and institutional investor, has provided the Wall Street Journal e-mails and text messages associated with his time as CEO of Sinohawk Holdings, a venture



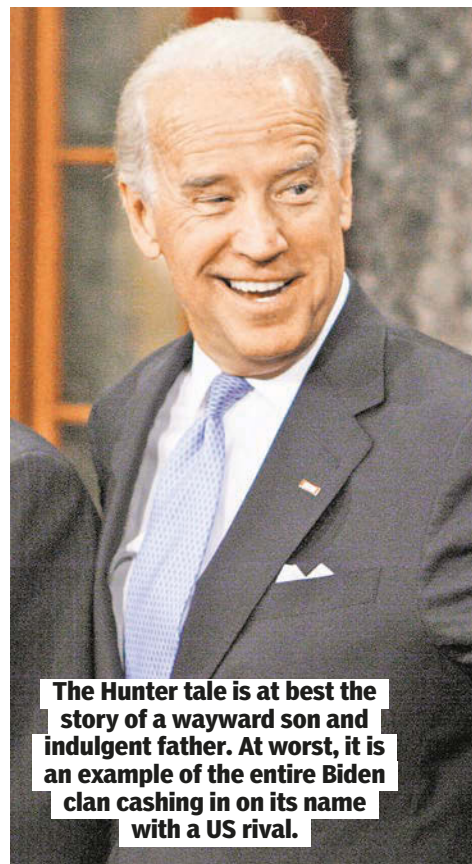
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between the Bidens and CEFC China Energy, a Shanghai-based conglomerate. That correspondence corroborates and expands on e-mails recently published by the New York Post, from a Hunter laptop.

In a statement, Bobulinski said he went public because he wants to clear his name, which was contained in those published e-mails, and because accusations that the information is fake or “Russian disinformation” are “offensive.” He attests that all the correspondence he provided is genuine, including documents that suggest Hunter was cashing in on the Biden name and that Joe Biden was involved. Bobulinski says he was also alarmed by a September report from Sen. Ron Johnson that “connected some dots” on the CEFC deal, causing him now to believe the Bidens sold out their US partners.

Bobulinski’s text messages show he was recruited for the project by James Gilliar, a Hunter associate. Gilliar explains in a December 2015 text that there will be a deal between the Chinese and “one of the most prominent families from the US.” A month later he introduces Rob Walker, also “a partner of Biden.” In March 2016, Gilliar tells Bobulinski the Chinese entity is CEFC, which is shaping up to be “the Goldmans of China.” Gilliar promises that same month to “develop” the terms of a deal “with hunter.” Note that in 2015-16, Joe Biden was still vice president.

As the deal takes shape in 2017, Bobulinski begins to question what Hunter will contribute besides his name, and worries that he was “kicked out of US Navy for cocaine use.” Gilliar acknowledges “skill sets [sic] missing” and observes that Hunter “has a few demons.” He explains that “in brand [Hunter is] imperative but right know [sic] he’s not



The Hunter tale is at best the story of a wayward son and indulgent father. At worst, it is an example of the entire Biden clan cashing in on its name with a US rival.

essential for adding input.” Bobulinski writes that he appreciates “the name/leverage being used” but thinks the economic “upside” should go to the team doing the actual work. Gilliar reminds him that those on the Chinese side “are intelligence so they understand the value added.”

This dispute almost derails the deal. Hunter is hardly visible through most of the work, until final contract negotiations ramp up in mid-May. He brings in his uncle Jim Biden for a stake. (Gilliar in a text message soothes Bobulinski with a promise that Jim’s addition “strengthens our USP” — unique selling proposition — “to the Chinese as it looks like a truly family business.”) Hunter in texts and e-mails wants offices in three US cities, “significant” travel budgets, a stipend for Jim Biden, a job for an assistant, and more-frequent distributions of any gains. As for annual pay, he explains in an e-mail that he expects “a hell of a lot more than 850” thousand dollars a year (the amount Bobulinski, the CEO, is getting), since his ex-wife will take nearly all of it.

Bobulinski pushes back, warning Gilliar in a text that they need to “manage” Hunter because “he thinks things are going to be his personal piggybank.” The duo worry about his “mental state,” substance abuse, and his ability to make meetings.

JOE KNOW?

But the media keeps ignoring the story



with Joe Biden. Gilliar reminds him in May 2017: “Don’t mention Joe being involved, it’s only when u are face to face, I know u know that but they are paranoid.” Biden had left office by then, though CEFC was always a suspicious company with ties to a rival government. It would have been risky for any public figure to deal with it, much less a potential presidential candidate.

The deal fell through on the Chinese end in the summer of 2017. CEFC was supposed to supply \$10 million; it never arrived. This is where the Johnson report comes in. The Senate report notes that CEFC wired \$5 million to a company called Hudson West in August 2017. The report says an associate of CEFC Chairman Ye in September opened a line of credit under Hudson West’s name, and Hunter, Jim Biden and Jim Biden’s wife, Sara, were given credit cards associated with the account, and bought items totaling more than \$100,000.

The report says Hudson West also sent \$4.7 million in “consulting fees” to Jim Biden’s law firm over the course of a year. Bobulinski suspects Hunter and Jim had found an easier way to cash in on their name, one that didn’t involve pesky partners and complex deals. He sent a furious text to Jim Biden after the release of the Senate report, accusing Hunter and Jim of “lying” to their partners and secretly taking money from CEFC. The FBI last year subpoenaed Hunter’s laptop. A call to Hunter Biden’s attorney was not returned by deadline.

Hunter, in his own angry texts, makes clear that his contribution is his name. He rails at Bobulinski that the CEFC heads are “coming to be MY partner to be partners with the Bidens.” He reminds him “that in this instance only one player holds the trump card and that’s me. May not be fair but it’s the reality because I’m the only one putting an entire family legacy on the line.” Gilliar privately tells Bobulinski to show flexibility, since “I know why [CEFC Chairman Ye Jianming] wants the deal and what makes it enormous, It’s the family name.”

CEFC was closely entwined with the Chinese government and military until it went bankrupt, following US charges of money laundering. There is no question CEFC was buying Hunter for influence.

Joe Biden claims he has never discussed his son’s business. Yet a May 2017 “expectations” document shows Hunter receiving 20 percent of the equity in the venture and holding another 10 percent for “the big guy” — who Bobulinski attests is Joe Biden.

In one text, Hunter says that “my Chairman gave an emphatic NO” to a version of the deal. Walker, Hunter’s partner, explains in a text to Bobulinski that when Hunter “said his chairman he was talking about his dad.” Bobulinski’s texts show he even met

All of this is news. The press corps that is ignoring it spent four years writing about Donald Trump’s Moscow business. The correspondence meanwhile blows up Rep. Adam Schiff’s claim that the Hunter story is Russian “disinformation.” It raises real concerns about what security risks Hunter might pose for a Biden administration. And it raises questions about Joe Biden’s involvement.

The former vice president is running on trust and good judgment. The Hunter tale is at best the story of a wayward son and indulgent father. At worst, it is an example of the entire Biden clan cashing in on its name with a US rival. As Joe Biden refuses to answer questions about this case, voters will have to make up their own minds. But given Hunter’s exploits in China, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and elsewhere, much more is yet to come — in the next week and a half and potentially in a Biden presidency.

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CHATTER

Bag baloney

In the middle of a pandemic, the state has banned plastic bags and wants people to bring used, unwashed, reusable bags from home, which could help spread the contagion (“No bag of tricks,” Oct. 16).

This is right up there with Gov. Cuomo sending COVID-positive patients to nursing homes, but worse — because there are millions who could be potentially infected due to this idiocy.

This confirms and proves that the anti-plastic-bag environmentalists are religious extremists, ignoring science for their own self-righteousness, no matter the cost in human lives.

Francis Rushford, Brooklyn

Playing with COVID

The Post subhead “COVID-19 fears turning NYC playgrounds into war zones” is true, but there’s only one reason for this protect-yourself-at-all-times dynamic pitting parents against parents. It’s the non-maskers (“Park worse than bite,” Oct. 21).

I’m a parent of a 5-year-old and, sadly, my experiences on New York City’s playgrounds have kept me from taking my kid to one for months.

To call parents like me “Karens,” as Lauren Conlin does, because I’m wary of other kids, including her non-mask-wearing 2-year-old, is too easy. You’re not a Karen when you’re being vigilant about your kid’s health.

Go to any playground in the

city and you’ll see parents and kids not wearing masks. All blame goes to the parents.

I’m not sure if their lax behavior is a stand against New York City’s liberal politics or if they’re just oblivious, which is a sin during a pandemic.

Whatever justification these parents may have for taking off their own masks and letting their kids run maskless and wild, it’s just not good enough.

While playgrounds aren’t on the front line of this battle, they’re representative of the cavalier irresponsibility that will continue to sicken and kill American parents and kids.

Adam Berlin, Manhattan

Social safety

As we all mourn the terrible shooting death of Houston Police Sgt. Harold Preston, it makes me think more about the ongoing political chatter regarding sending social workers out on domestic disturbance calls (“One cop killed, second injured in Houston standoff,” Oct. 20).

My younger son is a social worker and my older son is a pastor. As a 68-year-old father and former mayor, I would think twice about rolling the dice by dispatching my unarmed sons or your son or daughter into an explosive trap like this one that fatally ambushed Sgt. Preston.

Mike Sawyer, Denver, Colo.

McCray away

Thanks for the amazing news that Chirlane McCray won’t be

running for Brooklyn borough president (“Blasio’s free ride is over,” Michael Goodwin, Oct. 18).

Her staff’s combined salary is \$2 million per year, but the city can’t afford weekend street trash pickups? What a beautiful day it will be to see McCray and Mayor de Blasio gone.

Carol Meltzer, Manhattan

F’book’s censors

It has come to light that Chinese nationals are working on censorship for Facebook — an area I am sure they are well-versed in (“FB’s Chinese censor team,” Sohrab Ahmari, Oct. 21).

However, to see this happen in America is a disgrace. CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his partner-in-crime Sheryl Sandberg take us for fools.

Facebook, Twitter and other tech media need to lose their Section 230 protection. It is time for Congress to get off their duff and protect our freedom.

Glen Benjamin, Suffern



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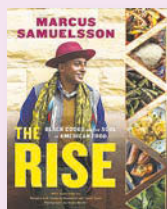


REQUIRED READING by Mackenzie Dawson

The Rise: Black Cooks and the Soul of American Food

Marcus Samuelsson, *Osayi Endolyn, Yewande Komolafe* (cookbook, *Voracious*)

A joyful celebration and thorough history of black cooking, as well as a reclaiming of black culinary tradition, this lovingly prepared book includes 150 mouth-watering recipes.



Group: How One Therapist and a Circle of Strangers Saved My Life

Christie Tate (memoir, *Avid Reader Press*)

"You don't need a cure, you need a witness." That's what Dr. Rosen told Christie Tate when he invited her to attend group therapy, promising a personal transformation. Despite initial skepticism, Tate becomes involved in the group — and ends up relishing the connection.



I'll Be Seeing You

Elizabeth Berg (memoir, *Random House*)
Elizabeth Berg's parents had a 70-year love story, a marriage that demonstrated love and tenderness. When her father developed Alzheimer's and her parents had to move into a care facility, it was time for Berg and her siblings to parent their parents. A love story about caregiving.



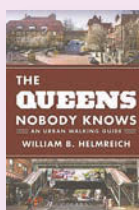
Finding Lancelot

Tamara Palmer (fiction, *Independent*)
Worn down from a less-than-optimal life and relationships, Amanda finds a flyer advertising past life regressions on a bulletin board. She decides to give it a shot — and finds herself on journeys to 15th century Western England, and more.



The Queens Nobody Knows: An Urban Walking Guide

William B. Helmreich (Princeton University Press)
Bill Helmreich had a great enthusiasm for nearly every block in this great metropolis; in this volume, he turns his attention to Queens, from St. Albans to Woodhaven. Tragically, Helmreich died this year of the coronavirus at the age of 74.



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

V.E. Schwab (Fiction, *Tor Books*)
In 1714 France, a young woman makes a bargain: She will live forever, but be forgotten by everyone she meets. Across the centuries and continents, she has amazing experiences — until one day in a bookshop, when a young man remembers her name.



VERBODEN

by REED TUCKER

N October 1943, Adolf Hitler's private secretary Martin Bormann fell head over heels with a woman he flirted with at a ball.

The woman, Manja Behrens, was a dental assistant turned actress, who'd appeared in a couple movies. Although Bormann was married, he pursued Behrens relentlessly until she finally gave in.

A few months later, Bormann was forced to confess to his wife, Gerda, that he'd fallen "madly in love" with his mistress. Gerda, instead of being stung, had a novel solution. Why not establish a polygamous household together?

"One year [Manja] has a child, and the next year I do, so that you will always have a wife that is mobile," Gerda gushed to her husband. "We'll put all the children together in a house on a lake."

She went so far as to suggest a contract be drawn up, granting the mistress the same rights as the lawful wife. Gerda even thought a law should be passed in Germany "which would entitle healthy, valuable men to have two wives."

For Bormann, a man with an "unrestrained libido" that he satisfied "without regard to social convention," this was a perfectly acceptable idea.

But the threesome didn't last long. Manja struggled with the arrangement and left, choosing instead to work 15-hour shifts at an armaments factory.

Bormann's tale is just one of the many bizarre romantic Nazi relationships detailed in "Nazi Wives: The Women at the Top of Hitler's Germany" (St. Martin's Press) by British historian James Wyllie, out Nov. 3.

"I think rightly so historians have been focused on what their husbands were up to," Wyllie told *The Post*. But, "the wives were very interesting."

TAKE Ilse Hess, the wife of Rudolf Hess, deputy fuhrer. She was the daughter of a respected doctor who was killed during WWI. While still a schoolgirl, she first met the then-26-year-old Hess when they were both staying at the same hostel.

Ilse was smitten and pursued him, but Hess resisted. He was still a virgin and had a tortured relationship with his body and desires, at times craving a "monk-like existence."

The couple dated for several years during which Hess "showed absolutely

no interest in sex," the author writes. The two were bound by a shared love of classic German culture and poetry.

The pair first saw Hitler speak around 1920 and were immediately under his spell. "We are anti-Semites," Ilse wrote a friend. "Constantly, rigorously, without exception."

In 1927, while Ilse, Hess and Hitler were dining at a cafe, Ilse was musing about what she'd do in the future. Hitler took her hand, placed it on Hess' and suggested they marry. Although Hess described Ilse as a "loyal friend," the two agreed to get hitched and pulled the trigger in December 1927.

They moved into a small Munich apartment together, but Hess' aversion to sex remained. Ilse complained to a friend that she felt like a "convent girl."

Heinrich Himmler was also averse to bedroom intimacy. "Sex both scared and fascinated him," the author writes.

Like Hess, the head of the SS remained a virgin into his late 20s after reading a book that suggested young men should channel their sexual energy into more useful pursuits. Celibacy was also a way to make a "virtue out of his abject failure with women," Wyllie writes.

One woman who didn't reject him was Margarete Boden. She had been a nurse on the Western front during WWI, and that experience likely damaged her. She met Himmler on a train in 1927, began corresponding with him

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Hitler's secretary Martin Bormann (top) convinced wife Gerda (together left) to add a third to their romance — actress Manja Behrens (right).



Hitler's No. 2, Rudolph Hess (above) married young Ilse (below, with their son, Wolf) — but was mostly uninterested in sex, much to her dismay.

Alamy (2)

LOVE

Inside the twisted sex lives of Hitler's top Nazis — and the women who adored them



Heinrich Himmler (here with wife Margarete) remained a virgin till his late 20s, believing he could channel sexual energy into more useful pursuits, but he still had an affair with his secretary Bunny (inset).

and the two married the next year. The union would bring her mostly misery.

"She was an enigmatic woman," Wyllie said. "She was very closed off. She was defensive and paranoid and ultimately unhappy most of the time. I think she wanted a more ordinary husband than she got."

She and Himmler dreamed of becoming farmers and bought a rural plot of land outside of Munich where she grew crops and tended to chickens, geese and rabbits. She was often unwell and was badly injured in a 1939 accident when her home's water heater exploded.

Despite Himmler's initial aversion to sex, he had trouble staying faithful. In 1938, he fell "hopelessly" in love with his secretary, 26-year-old Hedwig Potthast — nicknamed Bunny.

Bunny and Himmler schemed to find a way that they could be together. When she gave birth to their son in

1942, he rented a cottage outside Berlin for her.

Margarete eventually found out about her husband's love child. "Sometimes I cannot believe what I live through. We poor women," she wrote in her diary. "Surrounded by lies and betrayal."

MAGDA Goebbels, who was known as the "First Lady of the Reich," was also deeply unhappy with her husband.

She had been raised in a broken family after her parents got divorced when she was 3. She grew up in Brussels, attending a Catholic school. She married a businessman at 18 and got divorced a few years later.

In 1930, she attended a Nazi rally and was struck by the fiery propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels. She soon landed a job in his office, and they began a romantic relationship in February 1931. "It's like I'm dreaming," Goebbels wrote. "So full of satisfied bliss."

There was one obstacle to their growing relationship: Hitler. Magda met the Führer in 1931 and she was immediately entranced by him. He returned the infatuation.

Hitler wanted to pursue a relationship with her, but in order to keep it secret, he came up with a strange proposition. To keep her close, he'd have Magda marry Goebbels. She enthusiastically accepted.

"Magda was intelligent, very sophisticated, very capable and really fell tragically in love with Hitler more so than her husband, but understood the only way to be close to Hitler was to embrace being the first lady of the Third Reich," Wyllie said.

Magda and Goebbels married in December 1931, though he was uneasy over her adoration of the Führer. "She loses herself a bit around the Boss," he wrote in his diary. "I am suffering greatly. I didn't sleep a wink." (Historians think it's unlikely Magda and Hitler ever consummated their relationship.)

But Goebbels was also a dog in his personal life. He pursued director Leni Riefenstahl, and stuck his hand under her dress once while sitting next to her at the opera.

He struck up an affair in 1938 with

actress Lida Baarova. He confessed the relationship to his wife over tea and asked if the three might be able to co-exist. Magda reluctantly agreed and Goebbels soon booked a trip for the three of them aboard a yacht.

An increasingly unhappy Magda wanted a divorce, but Hitler forbade it.

"He was really touchy about the idea that any of his close compatriots got divorced," Wyllie says, because it would be bad for the party's image.

Magda ultimately resigned herself to her husband's philandering. She turned to Buddhism to combat her unhappiness and amused herself by playing tricks on his various mistresses. She prank called one, telling her that Goebbels would send a car for her at a deserted crossroad at 11 p.m., then left the woman waiting for an hour before telling her husband what she'd done.

Of all the wives, Magda's life had the most tragic ending. In April 1945, she and her husband, along with their six children, were hiding in Hitler's Berlin bunker as Soviet troops surrounded the city.

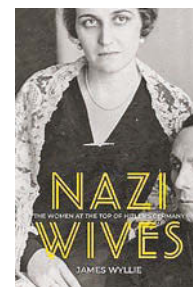
Afraid of the fate that awaited her, she poisoned her children, then she and her husband killed themselves.

Margarete Himmler, with her daughter, escaped to the Austrian-Italian border region at the war's end and was later arrested and held in internment camps. She was released and lived a quiet life in Germany before dying in 1967.

Gerda Bormann escaped to South Tyrol, fleeing Germany with eight of her nine children in a school bus. She died of cancer in 1946 at age 36.

Ilse Hess was also captured and spent time in an internment camp. She was set free and opened a hotel in southern Germany in the 1950s. She spent much of the rest of her life fighting to get her husband out of prison and stayed an unrepentant National Socialist till her death in 1995.

"What's uncomfortable about her is that if you wrote her life story without saying the word 'Nazi,' you'd think she was a remarkable woman who fought for her beliefs and her husband her whole life," Wyllie said. "But she was a Nazi and it's terrifying."



Sex both scared and fascinated him.

—historian James Wyllie on Nazi big Heinrich Himmler



Nazi propaganda minister Joseph Goebbels married Magda (together above), who was in love with Hitler (inset) — though it's not believed they ever consummated their love.

by ISABEL VINCENT

IN 2006, when he found himself in Australia, on the first leg of his round-the-world trek to study wildlife, Evan Antin learned a valuable lesson: “Don’t feed the animals.”

But the then 21-year-old vet in training, now the star of Animal Planet’s “Evan Goes Wild,” couldn’t help himself. He had been feeding a hungry kangaroo pieces of bread from his sandwich on a beach in Murrumbidgee National Park. After the curious marsupial snatched the scraps from Antin’s own hand, he decided to put a morsel between his lips and invited the kangaroo to take it.

“No, you don’t have to tell me that was stupid,” writes Antin in his new book “World Wild Vet: Encounters in the Animal Kingdom” (Henry Holt), out Tuesday. “I know. My furry friend hopped over, leaned in, and planted one on me.”

As Antin, now 35, recalls, “it was more a bite than a kiss” as the kangaroo seized on his mouth and clamped down hard.

Moments like these haven’t deterred Antin from getting “up close and personal” with wildlife. Since exploring the woods around his home in Kansas as a child, he has wanted to be a veterinarian, a job that has since taken him all over the world — from orangutans in the forests of Borneo to venomous snakes in the lawless wilderness of Darien Gap in Panama and Colombia.

Boasting 1.3 million followers on Instagram, Antin is regularly filmed in tight T-shirts and jeans lying next to baboons or cuddling baby slugs in the wild. In 2019, GQ magazine named him the most famous veterinarian on earth, “and probably the sexiest.” The magazine chronicled his strict weight-training routine, which involves bench-pressing and lifting heavy weights for an hour

BEAST FRIENDS FOREVER

Vet’s animal-adventure memoir is a real hoot



Dr. Evan Antin was dubbed one of People magazine’s sexiest men alive, but he still roughs it — eating goat entrails, kissing kangaroos and nearly getting killed by a snake.

Animal Planet

each day. He says he has been following the regime since he was 13, and that being in top shape helps him endure punishing trips through the African savannah and South American rainforests when he’s not working at Conejo Valley Veterinary Hospital in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Antin is passionate about exotic creatures, especially snakes. As a teen, he came across a venomous copperhead; fascinated, he brought it home and kept it in a terrarium beside his bed. But when the animal began to shed its skin, Antin picked it up for a closer look and it bit him on the nose, which immediately swelled up. He drove himself to a nearby hospital, where he immediately received four vials of antivenom, saving his life.

One night in 2013, on the Indonesian island of Komodo, he climbed on top of a shack to get a closer look at a 7-foot-long green Timor python. As he reached for the snake, he crashed through the threadbare roof and fell 10 feet to where local rangers slept. Miraculously, he landed on his feet.

Throughout his hairiest encounters, he learned to take everything in stride, laughing at his strange encounters along the way.

In Tanzania in 2007, he spent part of a college internship living with the Maasai tribe. Before he left his host family, the nomadic elders honored him by killing one of their goats, strangling the animal so its blood clotted instantly. They then cut it open to offer Antin the first taste.

“I slurped a blood clot from the tribesman’s hand and swallowed,” writes Antin in his book.

But just as he thought he had endured the worst, the Maasai tribesman reached into the warm goat carcass and pulled out a kidney for Antin to eat. “He smoothly cut a slice from it and extended it to me,” he writes. “And so I accepted it, thinking of how my mom always told me to mind my manners at the table.”

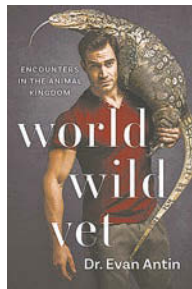
Antin is so obsessed with wildlife that on a trip to Costa Rica in 2009 with his girlfriend, the journalist Nathalie Basha, he checked into their hotel and immedi-

ately went in search of his favorite reptile, the crocodile. He found one in a nearby swamp but realized he had left his camera in the hotel room, so he gathered up the crocodile, wrapped his belt around its snout and placed the animal gently in the back seat while he drove back

to his hotel. There, he persuaded his girlfriend to return to the swamp to photograph the beast.

“To her eternal credit, after telling me I was out of my flipping mind, she put on her boots, slung a camera bag over her shoulder, and headed for the door,” he writes.

The couple are now engaged to be married.



BUZZ BOOK: ‘Magick’ gives spiritual enlightenment to youth

When Alex Kazemi sends out e-mails, his signature includes this note: “ALEX KAZEMI HAS NO SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS,” it declares, “AND NEVER WILL.” It’s a bold stance for anyone in this age of nonstop personal branding and 24/7 connectivity, but given the age of the pop artist and creative director — 26 — it seems like a fabulous rebellion.

“The decision to avoid it came from studying and watching my peers and watching the anxiety build in their lives around likes and instant gratification. The scroll is infinite,” says Kazemi. “And I saw that as being the opposite of what it takes to be a professional writer, or professional of any sort. I saw friends becoming so focused on building their brand and not focus-

ing on building their craft. I want to dedicate my energy to honing it. I bet we’ll soon see a 12 step for Instagram.”

It’s a sentiment more people are sharing recently, especially as documentaries like “The Social Dilemma” have helped expose just how addictive and insidious social media can be — and that it was built that way on purpose.

Energy and focus are two things that fascinate Kazemi, as they’re at the heart of his book, “Pop Magick: A Simple Guide to Bending Your Reality,” with a foreword by Rose McGowan.

He explains magick — not to be



confused with magic — as “the art in bending reality in accordance with your true will. Seeing reality as an opportunity to bend or change it . . . Directing your energy and focus towards a goal.” (It’s kind of like “The Secret,” except without the judgmental aspect that many criticized it for.)

Secular spirituality has been growing in popularity in recent years, along with an interest in astrology, witchcraft, the occult, and assorted other New Age interests; according to the Pew Research Center, 6 in 10 Americans share at least one “New Age” belief. The “psychic services” industry exceeded \$2 billion in revenue

in 2018, topping five years of consistent growth, according to research conducted by IBISWorld. These things are especially popular with millennials and Gen Z.

“As a collective, we feel quite powerless right now. Growing up, we were sold so many illusions about what the world was. All these reality shows, and then the social-media era, which told us to be products,” says Kazemi. “There was no sense of spiritual energy. There was a real spiritual poverty. Magick offers a non-dogmatic spiritual sense, without there being rules imposed on people, and I think that’s why they like it.”

— Mackenzie Dawson



Alex Kazemi

Sunday Break

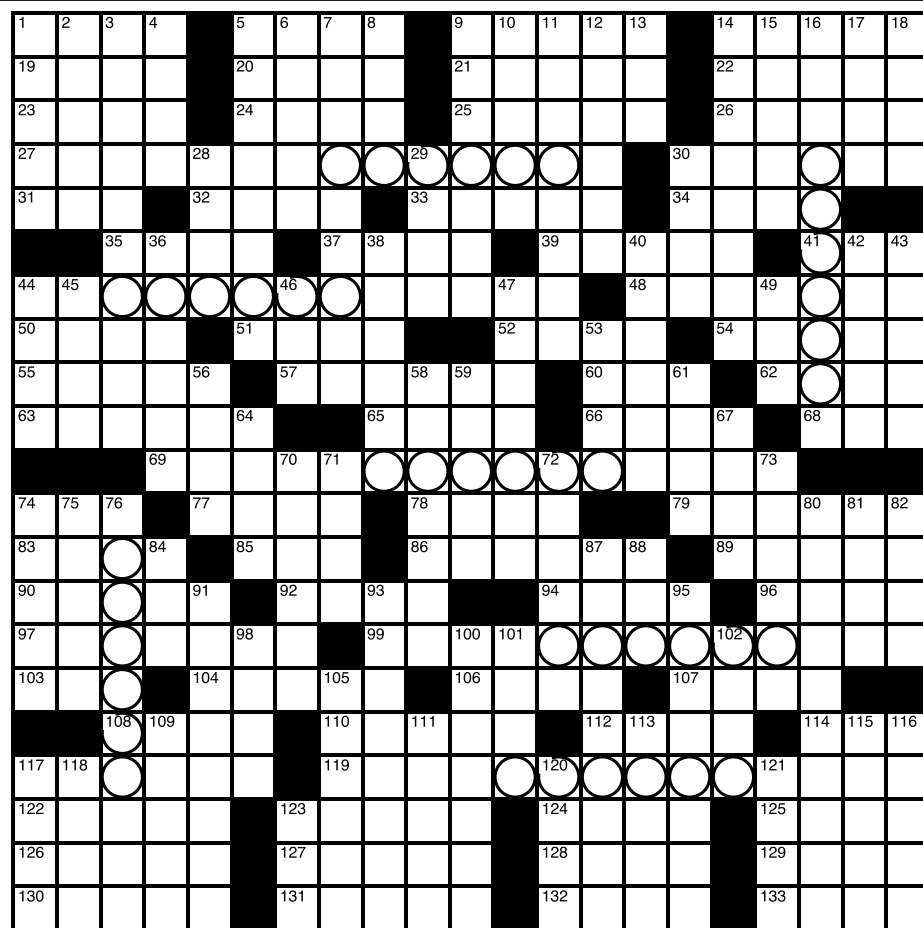
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113 Rub off
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116 “Yipes!”

117 Uxmal denizen
118 Auth. unknown
120 Summer shades
121 Grand Canyon adjective
123 “Scots Wha ____”: patriotic song

Post SU DOKU

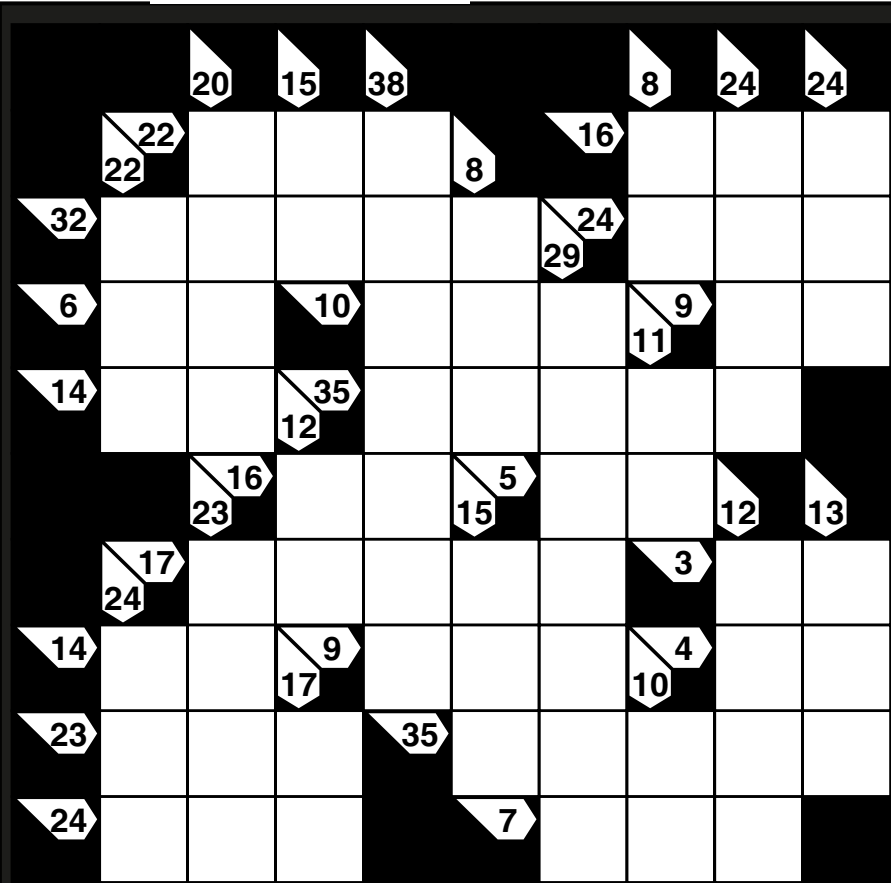
You must put a number, from 1 to 9, in each empty box. Each number must appear once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-3 grids.
Super Su Doku, inside, multiplies the challenge — and your enjoyment. For that one, put a number from 1 to 12 in each empty box, making sure each number appears once in each horizontal row, as well as in each vertical column and in each of the 3-by-4 grids. Tips and in-depth strategies at www.SudokuWiki.org. For more Su Doku puzzles, see tomorrow’s New York Post.

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Very Easy #5,251										Difficult #5,041										Challenging #265													
4				2					9			8						1							6		9						
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Kakuro

Place 1 to 9 in each white cell. To choose the right number, you need to work from the clues in around the edge. The numbers below the diagonal lines are the sums of the solutions in the white cells immediately beneath. The numbers above the divide are the sums of the solutions immediately to the right. Rows and columns do NOT have to be unique.

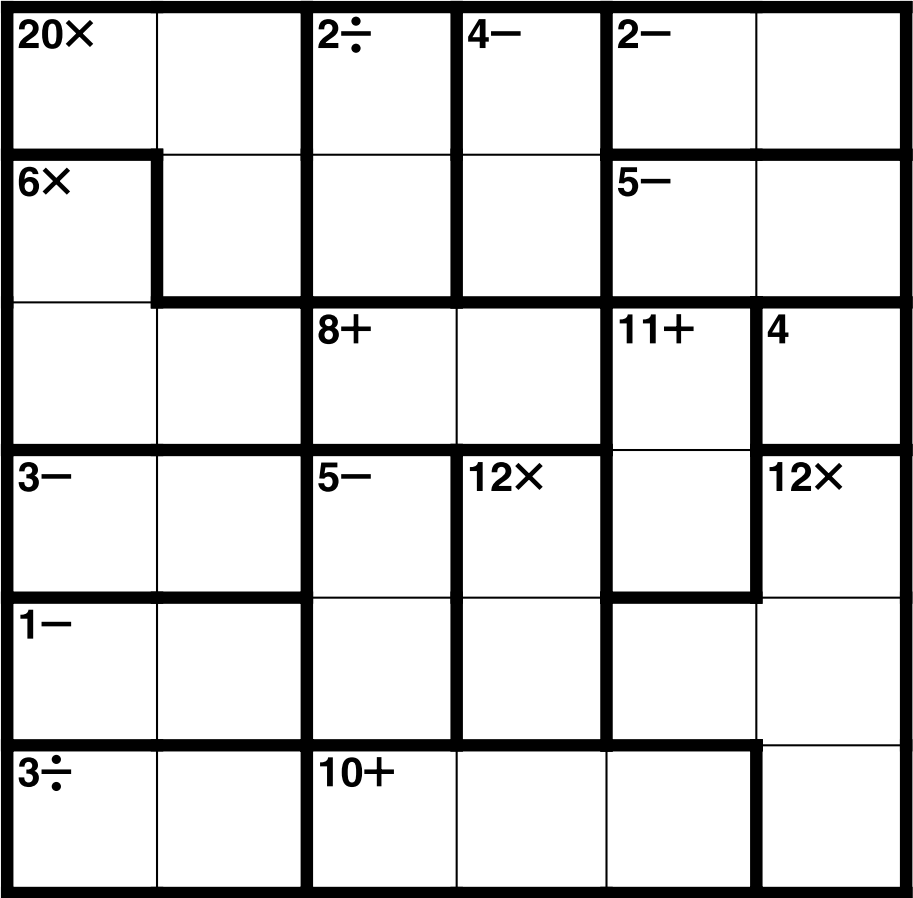


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#265

KENKEN

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.



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Chess

By Andy Soltis

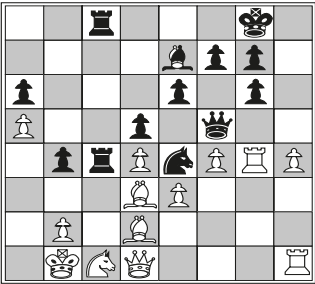
Give it a shot

You may have heard of chess boxing. It's a real thing: Two players alternate rounds of fisticuffs and games of chess. There is also chess diving: Players must make their moves on an underwater board. The Russian ministry of defense has come up with a new competition, chess marksmanship. Under the rules of the "intellectual biathlon," players

compete first in chess, then in small arms fire. The number of bullets a contestant can fire at a target is determined by how many points he scores in the chess tournament that preceded it. It was introduced in August in the Russia-hosted International Army Games and more than 60 competitors took part. In this week's game, White was lost after 20...Bxa3! (21 bxa3 Nxc3+) but might have survived after 29 Rf2!.

SICILIAN DEFENSE Internet 2020

Ding Liren	Magnus Carlsen
1 Nf3.....c5	16 f4.....Nf6
2 e4.....d6	17 Bd3.....Qc7
3 d4.....cxd4	18 Qe1.....Ne4
4 Nxd4.....Nf6	19 h4.....Qb7
5 Nc3.....a6	20 c3.....Bxa3!
6 Be3.....e6	21 f5.....b4
7 f3.....b5	22 c4.....Nc3+
8 a3.....Bb7	23 Ka1.....Bxc4
9 g4.....h6	24 fxe6.....O-O
10 Qd2.....Nbd7	25 Bxc4.....Rxc4
11 O-O-O.....Rc8	26 Rd2.....Bxb2+!
12 Kb1.....d5	27 Kxb2.....b3?
13 exd5.....Nxd5	28 exf7+.....Qxf7
14 Nxd5.....Bxd5	29 Nxb3?.....Rb4
15 Rg1.....Bc5	30 Resigns



Black to play and win.

D. Dvirnyy-A. Shirov

Internet 2020

Last week: 1 Bc4! Qc7 2 Bxe5! Qxe5 3 Qxf7+ or 1...Rd7 2 Qg6+ Bg7 3 Nf5.

Sunday Word Force

MACHINERY

From the word or phrase above, form at least 29 five-letter words, without using more than one form of the same word. For example, drink or drank, not both.

Bridge

"I'm collecting money for a worthy cause," Cy the Cynic told me in the club lounge. "And what would that be?" I asked. "New glasses for Minnie," Cy said grimly. "She seems to do fine with the pair she has," I shrugged. Minnie Bottoms, my club's senior member, wears ancient spectacles that make her mix up kings and jacks, often to her opponents' dismay. Cy has been Minnie's chief victim. "Look what she did to me -- again -- in a team match," the Cynic said, showing me today's deal. "Minnie and I were both declarer at four spades, and West led a club. I ruffed, led a trump to dummy's king, came back to my king of hearts and led the A-J of trumps. When East took the queen, he led a heart, cutting my link with dummy."

Cy took two hearts, pitching a diamond, but East ruffed the next heart. Cy overruffed but ended up down two. When he led a diamond next, East took the queen and forced Cy to ruff a club with his last trump. Then the defense took the rest with the ace of diamonds and good clubs. Minnie did better. She cashed the ace of trumps at Trick Two, crashing dummy's king, and continued with the jack.

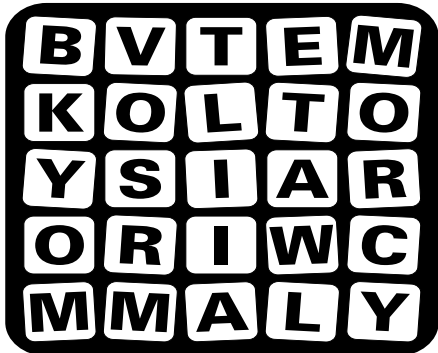
"East for my team won and led another club," Cy told me, "and Minnie said it was her lead! She thought her jack of trumps had been the king. They got her straightened out, but Minnie ruffed the club return, drew East's last two trumps and ran the hearts for 10 tricks." "Minnie played it well," I said. "Are you going to donate or not?" Cy growled.

East dealer Both sides vulnerable			
NORTH			
♠	K		
♥	A Q J 10 3		
♦	K 9 3		
♣	8 7 5 4		
WEST			
♠	7 4		
♥	7 6 2		
♦	10 6 4		
♣	K J 9 6 3		
EAST			
♠	Q 8 5 3		
♥	9 5 4		
♦	A Q		
♣	A Q 10 2		
SOUTH			
♠	A J 10 9 6 2		
♥	K 8		
♦	J 8 7 5 2		
♣	None		
East	South	West	North
1 ♠	1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥
Pass	2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
Pass	4 ♠	Pass	All Pass
Opening lead — ♣ 6			

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters up, down, side-to-side and diagonally, writing words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

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(7 letters = 6 points)
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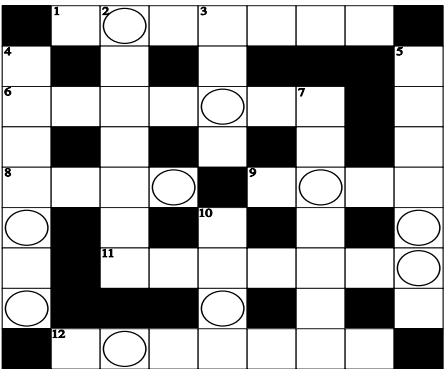
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0-10 = Try again

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Find AT LEAST SIX COUNTRY CAPITAL CITIES ENDING WITH A VOWEL in the grid of letters.



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Sunday Puzzle



10-25-20

BONUS

CLUE: This actor called his beloved Beverly Hills mansion "The Castle."

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ACROSS

- CLUE
1. Agenda, list, schedule
6. _____ Forest National Park
8. Jackie _____
9. Home to Laos
11. Pollute, taint
12. Imply

ANSWER
RRAGOMP
DOWRDOE
HANC
AIAS
RASTINH
SEGSUTG

DOWN

- CLUE
2. Luminous, shining
3. "_____ Will Hunting"
4. Deceived
5. _____ case
7. Send away
10. Tree _____

ANSWER
NIADRTA
DOGO
DCERITK
HCAETAT
SMSISID
RGFO

How to play
Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

Super Su Doku

	4			12				7			
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		10	1		6	11	7	2	9		
1	10	12							3	6	
				8		10	12	3		9	
				5				1			10

Wonderword

First read the list of words, then look at the puzzle. The words are in all directions - vertically, horizontally, diagonally, backward. Circle each letter of a word found and strike it off the list. The letters are often used more than once, so do not cross them out. It's best to find the big words first. When you find all the words listed in the clues, you'll have a number of letters left over that spell out the Wonderword.

American, Applegate, Barbecue, Baseball, Brands, Casing, Cheddar, Chicago, Chicken, Chili, Chopped, Cilantro, Combo, Coney Island, Corndog, Cured, Dawgs, Deep Fried, Deli, Detroit, Dijon, Fillers, Fluky's, Frankfurter, Grilled, Heat, Kansas City, Ketchup, Kosher, Length, Lettuce, Maple Leaf, Mayer, Meat, Menu, Michigan, Mustard, Nathan's, New Yorker, On a Stick, Oscar, Oven, Peppers, Pink's, Pork, Red Hots, Restaurants, Roast, Rolls, Sabrett, Salt, Sauces, Sauerkraut, Sausage, Schneiders, Seattle, Serve, Sesame Seeds, Shopsy's, Smoked, Spear, Spices, Sriracha, Steamed, Stewart's, Toasted, Toppings, Varsity, Waffle

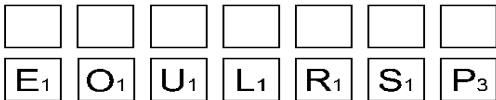
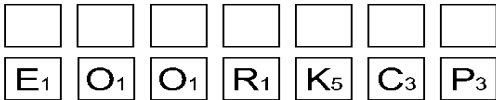
HOT DOGS FOR EVERYONE

SOLUTION: 6 LETTERS

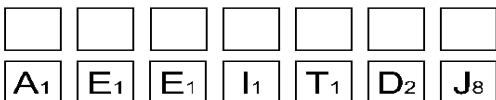
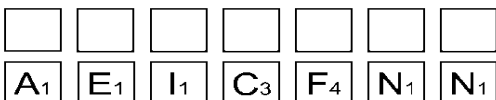
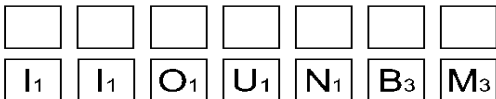
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3rd Letter Double



Triple Word Score

PAR SCORE 260-270
BEST SCORE 345

FIVE RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 25 MIN

By Jesaca Lin, Marisa Dellatto and Donna Grace

Snaps

Demi Moore clutches a "floral vagina sculpture" made by Eric Buterbaugh to support reproductive rights.

LADY BUSINESS

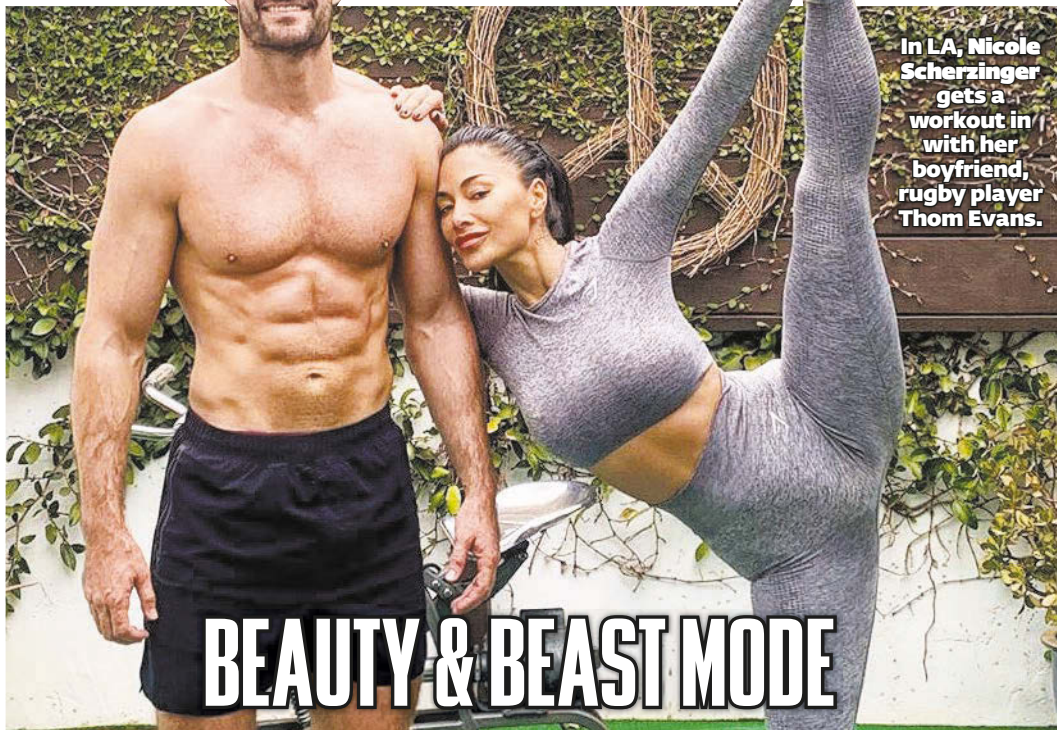


"Resting witch face" jokes Anne Hathaway, showing off her makeup from the new movie "The Witches."

BEWITCHING

Emilia Clarke goes skydiving in Steane, England, for her 34th birthday.

JUMP ON IT



In LA, Nicole Scherzinger gets a workout in with her boyfriend, rugby player Thom Evans.

BEAUTY & BEAST MODE

Instagram (7)

TRICK OR TREAT

Russell Wilson and wife Ciara get in the Halloween spirit with kids Future, 6, and Sienna, 3.



BACKGRID

Sadie Sink and Gaten Matarazzo roll through Atlanta while shooting "Stranger Things."



MAKE STRANGE

BOTTOMS UP

Tracee Ellis Ross dons a larger-than-life tuxedo for an appearance on "Jimmy Kimmel Live."



SPILL THE TEA

Brooke Shields enjoys afternoon tea in England.

Snap

Instagram (7)

SEA LEGS

Lindsey Vonn trades the snow for sand while on vacation in the Bahamas for her birthday.



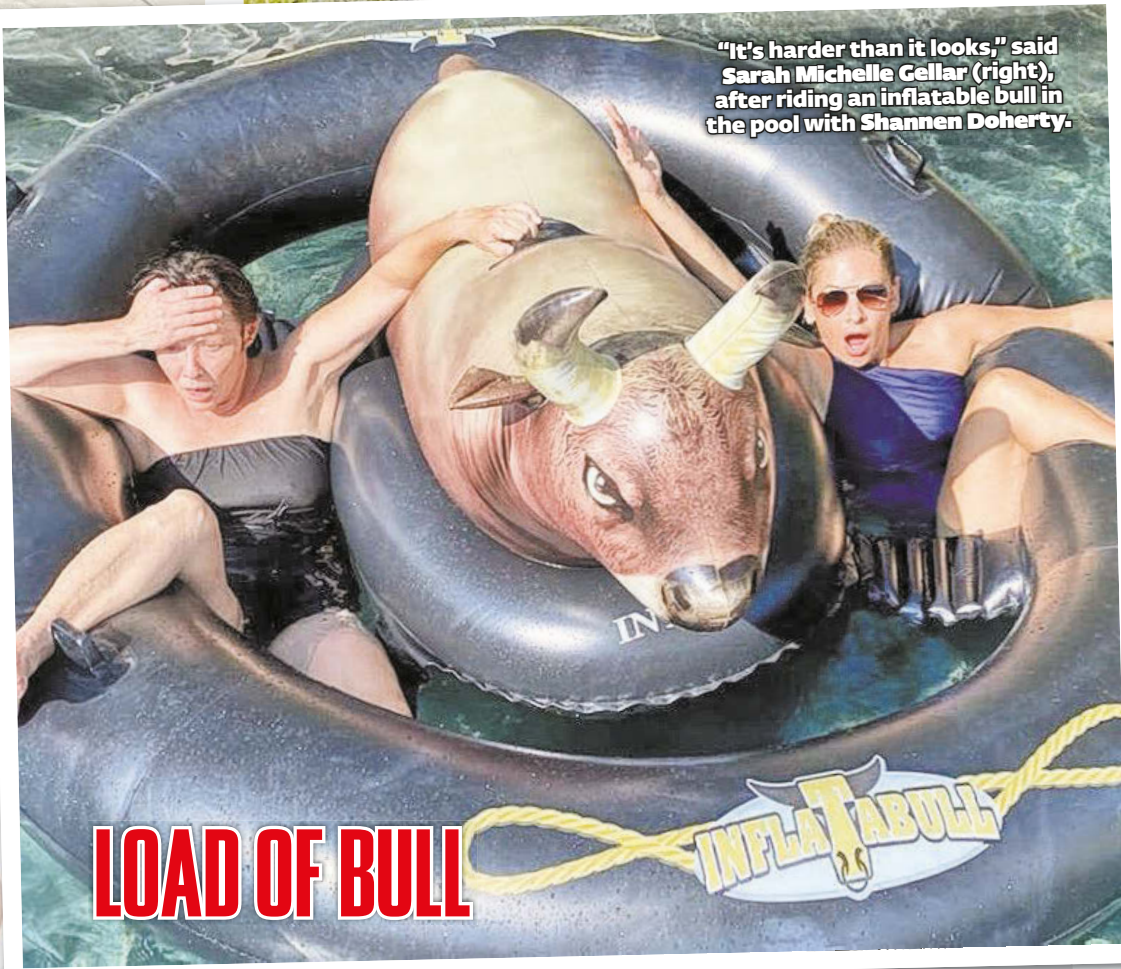
"Her smiles really are contagious," says Olivia Culpo, holding her newborn niece, Solei, in LA.

GOING
VIRAL



NEIGH-SAYER

Miranda Lambert mounts a noble steed in Nashville, Tenn.



"It's harder than it looks," said Sarah Michelle Gellar (right), after riding an inflatable bull in the pool with Shannen Doherty.

LOAD OF BULL

INFLATABULL

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**SAFE
SEX**

Ncuti Gatwa returns to his role as Eric Effiong of "Sex Education," filming in Wales.



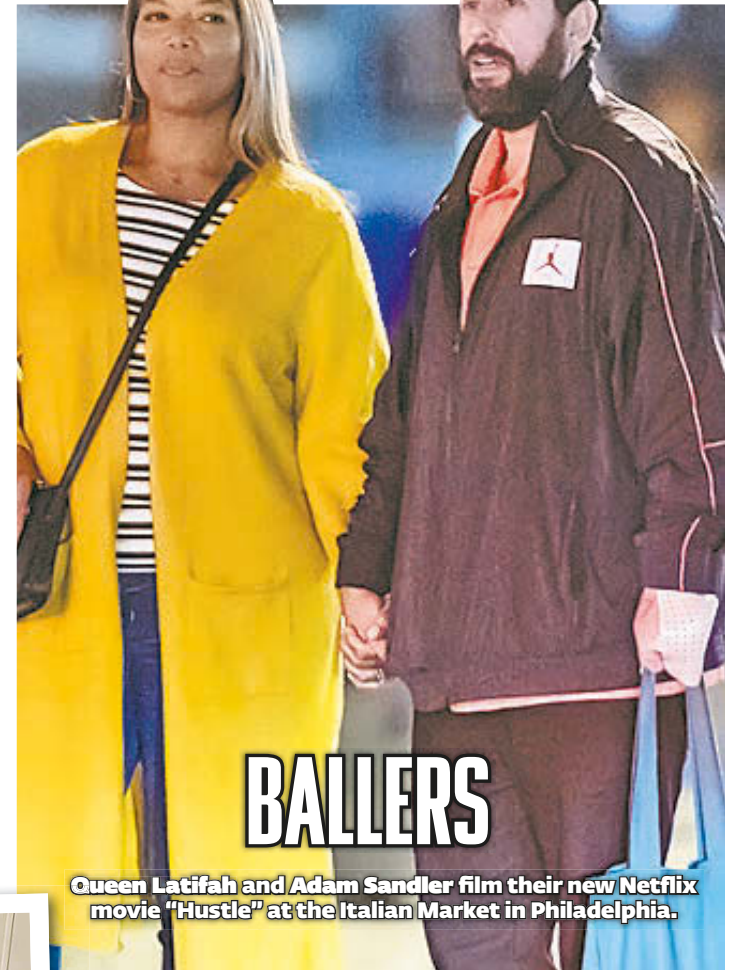
Jessica Simpson reminisces about being pregnant while visiting a pumpkin patch.

PLANTING A SEED



**DAPPER
DAD**

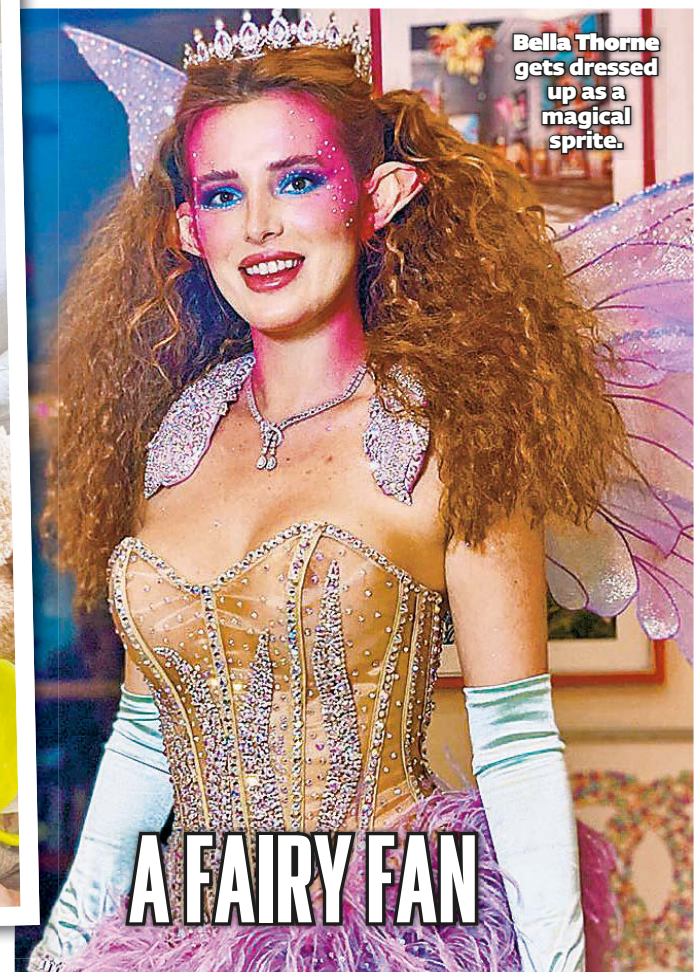
Chance the Rapper cuddles his 1-year-old daughter, Marli.



BALLERS

Queen Latifah and Adam Sandler film their new Netflix movie "Hustle" at the Italian Market in Philadelphia.

www.SplashNews.com



Bella Thorne gets dressed up as a magical sprite.

A FAIRY FAN

LOOK WHO'S
TALKING
THIS WEEK'S GUESTS



KELLY & RYAN
9 a.m., Ch. 7
Monday: Anne Hathaway (above)
Tuesday: Jessica Capshaw
Wednesday: Lorraine Bracco
Thursday: Sam Heughan



THE LATE SHOW
11:35 p.m., CBS
Monday: Sacha Baron Cohen (above); Jeff Tweedy
Tuesday: Dr. Sanjay Gupta; Sarah Cooper
Wednesday: Jamie Harrison; Elvis Costello



LATE NIGHT
12:35 a.m., Ch. 4
Monday: Gwen Stefani; Giancarlo Esposito (above)
Tuesday: Natalie Portman; Cindy McCain
Wednesday: Bette Midler; Bryan Washington

Sunday October 25, 2020

SP = Spectrum, C = Cablevision, F = FiOS Movies Sports New

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm
2 WCBS	2	2	2	(4:25) NFL Football Live.	60 Minutes: Topical news.		The Neighborhood (R)		Scream (1996): A killer obsessed with horror movies stalks a teen and her friends. David Arquette, Neve Campbell. R ★★★				CBS 2 News at 11PM	
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	Football Night in America		(8:20) Sunday Night Football: Seattle Seahawks at Arizona Cardinals. Live.							News 4 New York at 11
5 WNYW	5	5	5	NFL Football Live.	MLB on FOX Pregame Live.		2020 World Series: Game 5 (If necessary): Los Angeles Dodgers vs Tampa Bay Rays from Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas. Live.					FOX 5 News at 10	Sports Extra	
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	America's Funniest Home Videos: Scared dog.		Supermarket Sweep: Halloween contest.		Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?: Julie Bowen.		Card Sharks: California contestants compete.		Eyewitness News at 11: News of the day.	
9 WWOR	9	9	9	Schitt's Creek	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Modern Family	Modern Family	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek
11 WPIX	11	11	11	Right This Minute	black-ish	black-ish	Pandora: A lost alien race is sought.		Whose Line? (R)		PIX11 News at Ten		(10:45) One on One	Seinfeld
13 WNET	13	13	13	MetroFocus	Treasures of New York		The Trouble with Maggie Cole		Masterpiece: Four romances spiral out of control.		COBRA: Anna seeks out the intelligence chief.		Masterpiece: Motives and alibis. (R)	
21 WLIW	21	21	21	Weekend	Metro	Black America		Since MLK: And Still I Rise: Black history. (R)			(10:05) Black America Since MLK: And Still I Rise (R)			
25 WNYE	25	22	25	(5:30) TBA	GZero	Profiles (R)		On Story	Day's Work	Her B Idea	Neighbor	Voyager	Feet	Confucius Was a Foodie
31 WPXN	31	3	531	NCIS: LA	NCIS: Los Angeles		NCIS: Los Angeles		Chicago P.D.: A manhunt.		Chicago P.D.		Chicago P.D.	
41 WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	Aquí y ahora: Noticias.		Zookeeper (2011): Animals reveal they can talk. PG ★★			(10:15) Sal y pimienta		Noticias		Noticiero
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	Fútbol ECE	Fútbol Liga MX: Cruz Azul vs Guadalajara. Directo.			The Hunter's Prayer (2017) R ★★½		Noticiero		Noticias	
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Paid	Queens	Queens	Girls	Girls	WLNY News at 9PM		Paid	Judge Judy	Family Guy	Family Guy
A&E	46	46	181	(5:00) The Magnificent Seven (2016)			Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (2016): Army major arrested. ★★½			Court Cam		Court Cam	Court Cam	
AMC	54	43	231	Halloween H20: 20 Years Later (1998)			Fear the Dead: New ally.		Fear the Walking Dead		(10:01) World Beyond		(11:07) Fear the Dead (R)	
BET	37	54	270	(5:00) Big Mommas: Like Father (2011)			Madea's Family Reunion (2006): Reunion interrupted by family drama. PG-13 ★★					Tyler Perry's Sistars (R)		
BBCAM	71	101	189	(4:30) Inglourious Basterds (2009) ★★★½			Top Gear		Inglourious Basterds (2009): Jewish-American soldiers kill Nazis. Brad Pitt. ★★★½					
BRAVO	18	44	185	Below Deck	Real Housewives (R)		Housewives of Potomac		Housewives of Potomac		Watch What	Chat Room	Real Housewives (R)	
CNBC	15	24	102	Shark Tank	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank: A bathrobe.		Shark Tank: Line of dolls.	
CNN	78	25	100	(6:00) CNN	CNN Newsroom with Ana		Situation Room		Situation Room		First Ladies		State of the Union (R)	
COM	45	50	190	Old School (2003): Wacky fraternity. ★★★			We're the Millers (2013): Drug dealer hires fake family as cover. R					Kicking & Screaming (2005) Will Ferrell.		
DIS	49	31	250	Raven	Liv Maddie	Disney (R)	Raven (R)	Raven (R)	Just Roll	Disney Fam	Jessie	Jessie	Stuck Mid.	Wizards
DSC	66	27	120	Alaska	Alaska: The Last Frontier		Alaska: The Last Frontier: Homestead evacuated.			Alaska: Last: Bridge built.		(11:01) Homestead (R)		
E!	24	51	196	Boo 2!: A Madea Halloween (2017) ★			Boo! A Madea Halloween (2016) Tyler Perry. PG-13 ★★			(10:15) Boo 2!: A Madea Halloween (2017) PG-13 ★				
ESPN	28	36	70	Baseball	SportsCenter		Sports		UFC Unleashed (R)		UFC Unleashed (R)		UFC Main	SportsCenter
ESPN2	29	35	74	HS Bball	HS Basketball Live.			World's		X Games	X Games	Formula 1 Racing: Portuguese Grand Prix Replay.		
FBN	43	106	117	Sunday	Maria Wall Street (R)		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified		OBJECTified	
FNC	44	26	118	Fox Report	FOX News Sunday		Life, Liberty & Levin		Next Revolution Hilton		FOX News Live		Life, Liberty & Levin	
FOOD	50	97	164	Grocery (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)		Guy's Grocery Games (R)		Halloween Wars		Freakshow	Freakshow	Halloween Bake (R)	
FREFRM	38	49	199	(6:10) Ghostbusters (2016): Four women battle spirits in NYC. ★★				(9:20) Hocus Pocus (1993): Witches return to Salem for revenge.			The Craft R			
FS1	400	99	83	PBA Bowl	PBC	PBC	PBC Collection		Mexican Liga MX Soccer Live.				MLB Postgame Live.	
FX	10	40	53	(6:00) Happy Death Day (2017) ★★½		A Quiet Place (2018): A family must live in silence.				Fargo: Loy on the attack.		Fargo: Loy on the attack.		
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Write Before Christmas (2019)				Chateau Christmas (2020): A world-renowned pianist.		Christmas in Rome (2019): A tour guide.				
HGTV	64	98	165	Love It (R)	Love It or List It (R)		Bryan Inc.		Good Bones		Good Bones: Sell rental.		Good Bones (R)	
HIST	40	47	128	Am. Picker	American Pickers (R)		American Pickers (R)		(9:02) American Pickers		(10:05) American Pickers		(11:05) American Pickers	
ID	23	171	123	Evil Here	Evil Lives Here (R)		Evil Lives Here (R)		Evil Lives Here		48 Hours on ID		Evil Lives Here (R)	
LIFE	62	45	140	(6:00) Christmas Unwrapped (2020)			Forever Christmas (2018): Love for Christmas.			Hometown Christmas (2018): Live nativity scene.				
MeTV	33	33	3	Love Boat	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Columbo: Ship building business owner killed.			Collector		Honeymnrs	Van Dyke	Van Dyke
MSG	27	87	78	Spotlight	Fight Sports World Class				MLS Soccer Replay.					
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NICK	6	121	252	Loud House	Loud House	Loud House	Zookeeper (2011): Animals reveal they can talk. PG ★★		Unleashed		Friends		Friends	Friends
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PARMT	36	56	54	(6:00) Jurassic Park (1993): Living dinosaurs		escape captivity. ★★★½			The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997): Experts study dinosaurs on an island. ★★★					
SNY	26	60	77	Boxing	Jets Post Game Replay.		Prospects		Prospects		Broadway Boxing		Sports	Sports
SYFY	17	48	180	(6:00) Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 (2017):			Peter's lineage. ★★★½			Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010): Wizards' journey. ★★★½				
TBS	8	39	52	Overboard (2018): Boss gets amnesia.			Crazy Rich Asians (2018): Woman learns about beau's family. ★★★				Crazy Rich Asians (2018) PG-13 ★★★			
TCM	82	41	230	What Happened Baby Jane (1962) ★★½			3:10 to Yuma (1957): A battle of wills. Glenn Ford. ★★½		Gunman's Walk (1958): Son goes too far. Van Heflin.					
TLC	52	28	139	90 Day (R)	90 Day Fiance (R)		90 Day Fiance: The Other Way: Sumit in court.			I Love a Mama's Boy		(11:02) 90 Day Fiance		
TNT	3	37	51	Rampage (2018): Huge animals attack.			The Meg (2018): Prehistoric monster attacks ocean. PG-13 ★★½					Godzilla (2014): Godzilla rises. ★★★		
TVLAND	85	34	241	Men	Men	(7:35) Men	(8:10) Men	(8:45) Men	(9:20) Two and Half Men		(9:55) Men	Men	(11:05) Men	(11:40) Men
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VH1	19	52	217	Hancock			Independence Day (1996): Alien spacecrafts destroy entire cities. Will Smith. ★★★			Romeo Must Die (2000): Man seeks vengeance. ★★½				
WE	59	42	149	Law & Ordr	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order	
YES	53	89	76	Forbes	Stadium Authentics		MLS Soccer: Montreal Impact at New York City FC. Replay.					Women's College Volley Replay.		
EPIX	595	395	(6:35) Marvel's The Avengers (2012): Mankind at risk. PG-13 ★★½	Britannia		Britannia (R)		Terminator: Dark Fate R						
HBO	511	301	400	(6:45) Emma (2020): A well-meaning, but selfish young woman. ★★			The Undoing		The Undoing (R)		John Oliver		Undoing (R)	
MAX	531	371	420	Winter's Bone (2010): Girl tracks dad. R			The Judge (2014): Lawyer's father is suspected of murder. R ★★★			Shaft (2019): Best friend's death. R ★★½				
SHO	551	321	365	The Circus	The Good Lord Bird (R)		The Circus	President	The Good Lord Bird		The Comedy Store		DESUS &	The Circus

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TV

8 THINGS TO WATCH THIS WEEK

GHOSTLY LEGACY



THE HOLZER FILES
October 29th, 11 p.m.
Travel Channel

GHOSTS are Alexandra Holzer's family business. That's because the reality show star is the daughter of Hans Holzer, who's often referred to "America's first ghost hunter." He even inspired Dan Aykroyd for the 1984 hit "Ghostbusters."

Hans, who did the bulk of his work in the 1960s and '70s, has been deceased since 2009 but wrote over 120 books on the supernatural and was involved in investigating famous cases such as The Amityville Horror. His daughter Alexandra continues the legacy on Travel Channel's "The Holzer Files."

Season 2, premiering Oct. 29 at 11 p.m., follows Holzer and her paranormal team as they revisit her father's famous cases. New York native Holzer, 49, talked to The Post about what it was like growing up as the daughter of a famous ghost hunter, "The Holzer Files," and more.

What's it been like for you to revisit your father's work for the show?

It forced me to get to know Dad more intimately and see how he was working. I grew up in the environment of a healthy diet of the supernatural. So that [aspect] was nothing new for me, but to actually

Famous ghost hunter's daughter on her unusual family trade

go through all of his archives and start digging through the letters and handwritten notes and photography and audio recordings...it's been a long time, he's been gone eleven years. It was very emotional to hear his voice.

Growing up, were you aware that your father's line of work was unusual?

Oy vey, when I was in grade school, it was in the '70s and we always gave presents to the teachers. And my mom said, "Let's wrap up some of your father's books." So [the teacher] sits there and opens the presents, and he gets to mine and I start scooting back my chair as if I want to become indivisible. Because nobody at that time thought that [the supernatural] was cool, and I wasn't very popular to begin with. The teacher opens up books with "ghosts" and "witches" in the title, and everyone started to look at me. I was like, "I am so dead, I am not coming back to school tomorrow!"

My friend's fathers went to work with suits and ties and briefcases. My father's quasi-briefcase was filled with equipment and ghost photography.

You initially did not pursue the family business. What made you change?

It was because [ghost hunting] was constantly in my face. My mother went to FIT, so when I got a bit older, I said, "I'll go down that route," because I felt embarrassed. So I kind of did go away from the family business, and I went to FIT for advertising design and graphics. Then, in my late 20s, I had [a supernatural experience] with my late aunt. That really opened up the conversation with my father, and that's how I accepted my role in the family business. It's evolved.

Are there any of your dad's cases that you most enjoyed revisiting on the show?

Merchant House, because as a New Yorker, it's there. These are amazing cases because they're so layered in history of different timelines and people who have died and how they died. Merchant House is a beautiful curated mansion and museum. And that's my stomping ground. As a native New Yorker who has also created her family here like my parents before me, I'm proud to continue the work.

— Lauren Sarner

2 THE UNDOING
Sunday, 9 p.m., HBO

This six-part series stars **Nicole Kidman** (right) and Hugh Grant as Grace and Jonathan Fraser, whose lives are upended overnight after a violent death — and a chain of terrible revelations that follow in its wake. Co-starring Donald Sutherland and Edgar Ramirez.



3 FOREVER CHRISTMAS
Sunday, 8 p.m., Lifetime

A workaholic reality TV producer (Chelsea

Hobbs) falls in love with the subject of her new show (Christopher Russell), a guy who celebrates Christmas every day of the year.



4 SUPERSTORE
Thursday, 8 p.m., NBC

Star **America Ferrera** (near left) bids farewell in the Season 6 opener, which finds the Cloud 9 team dealing with coronavirus chaos and Jonah (**Ben Feldman**, far left) contemplating a move to California.

5 BLACK-ISH
Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., ABC

Dre (Anthony Anderson) underestimates how hard of an adjustment operating during a pandemic will be for the Johnsons, while Junior attempts to bring his girlfriend closer to the family.

6 TEMPLE
Monday on Spectrum

Premiere. A highly respected surgeon (Mark Strong) runs an illegal medical clinic in a labyrinth of abandoned service tunnels to treat criminals and other desperate patients while seeking a cure for his terminally ill wife, Beth (Catherine McCormack).

7 THIS IS US
Tuesday, 9 p.m., NBC



Kate (Chrissy Metz), Randall (Sterling K. Brown, left) and Kevin (Justin Hartley) celebrate their 40th birthday in the two-hour season premiere.

8 THE MANDALORIAN
Friday on Disney+

The Mandalorian (**Pedro Pascal**, right) and the **Child** continue their journey, facing enemies and allies as they make their way through a dangerous galaxy in the tumultuous era after the collapse of the Galactic Empire.



Sally Brompton

Daily Horoscope

♏ SCORPIO
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
The Sun links with mind planet Mercury in your birth sign so you will probably be pretty clear about what it is you want to accomplish. However, as Mercury is moving retrograde you must leave yourself some wiggle room. You are allowed to change your mind.

♐ SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
You need to accept that what's done is done and cannot be undone. Yes, of course, you have regrets but that's just a natural human reaction to not being perfect. What matters now is not what you did yesterday, but what you do today and tomorrow.

♑ CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Be careful what you say this week because although you might be 100 per cent certain that it's correct the planets warn the situation may not be as straightforward as you would like to believe. Why commit

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yourself to a viewpoint when you don't have to?

♊ AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Your reputation is precious and must be protected, so be wary about attaching your good name to an event that you are not quite sure is on the level. There may be nothing at all to worry about, but can you afford to take the chance?

♋ PISCES
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
Anyone who doubts you have what it takes to compete with the best won't doubt it much longer as you go head-to-head with your rivals. Hopefully the rivalry will be friendly, but if you do have to get ruthless you won't hesitate for a moment.

♈ ARIES
(March 21-April 20)
You need to get tough with

someone who has been trying to block your way at every turn. Don't just talk tough, act tough too. Would they let you off the hook if the roles were reversed? Of course not, so be ruthless and start moving ahead again.

♉ TAURUS
(April 21-May 21)
You will either draw closer to someone emotionally this week or you will drift so far apart that it's unlikely you will ever get back together. That might seem a bit extreme but it would appear there is no middle way and it must be one thing or the other.

♊ GEMINI
(May 22-June 21)
There is no point making an issue of something that is really quite trivial. If you are finding it hard to get ahead with a work-related project maybe you should take it as a sign from the

universe that you should be working on something else.

♋ CANCER
(June 22-July 23)
If you want to change your life for the better you need to stop dreaming and start doing. This week's Sun-Mercury link will give you the courage and the confidence to attempt something special, something that will take you closer to your destiny.

♌ LEO
(July 24-Aug. 23)
It does not matter how many mistakes you made in the past, the only thing that matters now is that what you do next has a decent chance of success. The universe won't ever stop giving you opportunities to shine, but don't leave it too long!

♍ VIRGO
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Forget about work and family and financial issues and link up with the kind of friends who always make you smile. Use your razor-sharp wit to add to the general feeling of fun and frivolity. This is not a time for tears but for laughter, and plenty of it.

♎ LIBRA
(Sept. 24-Oct. 23)
Try not to compare yourself to other people, especially people who have more experience than you in certain areas. Just focus on what you have to do and aim to do it to the very best of your abilities. Will that be enough? Of course it will.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY
Move towards your goal slowly and surely but be ready to change direction quickly if everything is suddenly thrown up in the air. Your ability to think fast and be adaptable will be crucial to your long-term success. Don't let your mind get into a rut.

Sunday Break puzzles answers

Sunday Crossword

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Jumble

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Sunday Word Force

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Wonderword answer: WEINER

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THE WEEK'S WINNERS



EVAN SPIEGEL

The CEO of Snapchat saw his firm's shares soar 30 percent on news of a 52 percent increase in ad-fueled revenue.

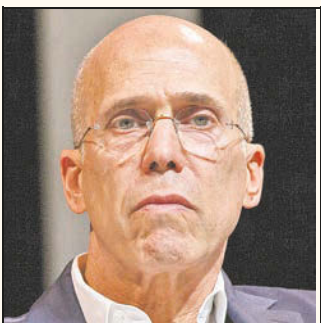
JACK MA

The Alibaba founder maintained his title as China's richest tycoon with a \$58.8 billion fortune fueled by online pandemic shopping.

TIM COOK

The Apple CEO saw the firm's new iPhone 12 receive twice as many preorders as the previous version received.

LOSERS



JEFFREY KATZENBERG

The Hollywood mogul decided to pull the plug on his short-lived, short-form video app Quibi amid low demand.

ADAM NEUMANN

The ex-WeWork CEO blew the \$185 million consulting fee he had won from the firm he founded after its new owner said he violated his deal.

DAVID SOLOMON

The Goldman Sachs CEO saw his firm agree to pay the DOJ \$2.8 billion to settle charges in the 1MDB bribery scandal.

'PRIVATE' PANIC

PE firms fear Biden in the Oval



CHARLES GASPARINO

THE prospect of Joe Biden becoming president has large swaths of corporate America scared, and none more so than the whipping boys who run the private equity business.

Private equity is mainly in the business of buying public companies — many of them hurting from bad management and financial distress — and then running them as private concerns so the problems can be fixed without having to answer to shareholders on a daily basis.

But if you read up on the exploits of the big PE firms — Blackstone Group, KKR, Carlyle Group, Apollo, etc. — in the liberal media, you would think the guys running these outfits are modern-day robber barons. For every 10 success stories where workers' jobs were saved, there is breathless coverage of one-off disasters (read up on Toys 'R' Us).

This is why during every presidential election — and this one is no exception — PE becomes a target of progressives looking to give some opium to the masses by drumming up class warfare. They highlight allegedly unfair tax breaks, and claim PE destroys jobs.

And like clockwork, PE outfits are now rushing to complete deals on the notion that major changes are coming under a potential Biden administration if he wins in November as the polls suggest.

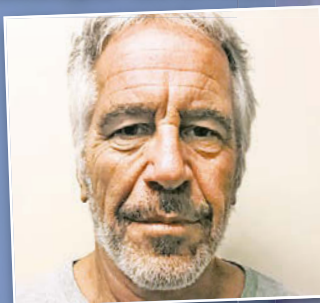
"What we see every election year is an uptick in private equity M&A [mergers and acquisition] activity, but this year is more," said Paul Aversano, a managing director at Alvarez & Marsal, a global professional-services firm. "People just want to get ahead of any changes that might be coming."

So why are PE executives so worried this time around?

Biden has been fairly quiet on the matter probably because some of

Black mark

Wall Street icon Leon Black of Apollo Global Management says he was "unaware and appalled" by the perverted conduct of Jeffrey Epstein (below), who did business with the legendary investor. Black has hired a prominent attorney to investigate and provide the full story.



Leon bid to clear name

SPEAKING of private equity, it's hard to imagine Apollo Global Management without Leon Black, the PE firm's founder and a Wall Street icon after 40-plus years in the business. But Black now finds himself in an unwelcome spotlight because he did business with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein.

Some context: Epstein is now best known as a child-abuser after his 2008 conviction and subsequent indictment (and suicide) last year on additional charges. But before that he was considered a high-end wealth manager for a coterie of rich people in addition to Black.

What is most baffling to people — including investors in Apollo — is why Black did business with Epstein even after he got out of jail several years ago, and why Black still has yet to fully explain this.

That's about to change. Amid client concerns, the firm hired prominent white-collar attorney Andy

Levander, of Dechert LLP, to investigate the matter and provide the full story.

As part of the probe, I am told Black is willing to account for every penny he paid Epstein during their years doing business together. Black believes the record will show that Epstein did real work for him, and Black had no involvement in Epstein's sordid private life. The investigation, which Black himself called for, will take about six weeks. Black is likely to address the matter at this Thursday's earnings call.

"If Leon can account for all the money he paid Epstein and why," the matter will be put to rest, said one person close to Black.

A spokeswoman for Black tells me that Epstein's work was vetted by outside law firms and Black was "unaware and appalled" by Epstein's conduct.

Levander didn't return a call.

as a "moral issue," I am told. He will likely do this through a backdoor method by increasing long-term capital gains on millionaires that will make carried-interest deductions largely obsolete.

Then down comes the hammer on private equity: if Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren is in the majority and free to enact her ludicrously titled piece of legislation known as the "Stop Wall Street Looting Act."

Warren proposed this bill last year while running for the Democratic nomination. She lost, of course, and the GOP thwarted her.

But the fringe is no longer the fringe of the Democratic Party — it's the mainstream.

If Biden wins the presidency and the Dems keep the House and win the Senate, her legislation would pass, PE execs tell me. That would usher in a sweeping restructure of the PE business by increasing firms' legal liabilities and pension-fund obligations, making it next to impossible for PE firms to take risks on many deals.

"In that scenario there could end private equity as we know it," one veteran PE executive apocalyptically predicted. "It's scary."

Not for progressives like Warren, and latter-day progressives like the once-moderate Biden, who don't mind destroying a great business to score some points with their base.

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WR Crowder downgraded to doubtful

By BRIAN COSTELLO

The Jets were hoping to have their full set of starting wide receivers on the field for the first time on Sunday, but it looks like they will still be down one.

Jamison Crowder was downgraded to doubtful on Saturday afternoon, meaning he almost certainly won't play Sunday against the Bills.

Crowder injured his groin in practice on Wednesday. He did not practice Thursday and was limited on Friday. Crowder has been the Jets' most productive offensive player this season. He has 29 catches for 383 yards and two touchdowns in four games. He missed two games earlier in the year with a hamstring injury.

The Jets did activate rookie wide receiver Denzel Mims off injured reserve on Saturday, as expected. He will make his season debut. Wide receiver Breshad Perriman returned to the lineup last week after missing time with an ankle injury. The Jets have not had all three on the field yet this season.

JETS NOTES

They also elevated kicker Sergio Castillo from the practice squad, meaning he is expected to handle the kicking duties against the Bills. Starting kicker Sam Ficken injured his groin in practice Wednesday.

The Jets also activated rookie OL Cameron Clark off IR and elevated LB Bryce Hager off the practice squad.

➤ The Bills placed four players on the reserve/COVID-19 list Saturday. Tight end **Dawson Knox** was the only one to test positive. Three other tight ends were added to the list based on close contact with Knox — **Lee Smith**, **Tommy Sweeney** (who is on the PUP list) and **Nate Becker** (a practice squad player).

Tight end **Tyler Kroft**, whose wife delivered a baby early Friday morning, was not at the meeting in which others were presumed to have been exposed to the virus, so he was not added to the list.

➤ The Jets' offense and defense have taken turns getting pounded this season. Last week, their special teams unit joined the party.

The Jets had three special teams penalties (one declined), fumbled a kickoff at their own goal line and gave up a long punt return.

Vyncint Smith committed a holding penalty on a punt return that moved the ball from their own 15 to the 8. **Harvey Langi** later committed a face-mask penalty on a Jets punt that moved the ball for the Dolphins from their 20 to the 35 to start a drive. Langi was flagged for being offside later in the game, but it was declined.

“Beyond frustrating,” special teams coordinator **Brant Boyer** said. “I thought not only did we make bad decisions and things like that with the penalties, there's no excuse for it. I'll put 100 percent of that on me. I'm their coach. We got to get that stuff corrected, and not playing up to our standard at all. Needless to say, I'm not happy about it at all. That's for sure. Something we got to get fixed.”

Smith had a really rough day. He went to field a kickoff in his own end zone, but it bounced off of him and rolled onto the field. Smith recovered, but the Jets started off at their own 9 instead of the 25. The Jets have not found a reliable return man yet. They are the worst return team in the NFL with the team's average drive starting at their own 22.6 after kickoffs.

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Belmont

Analysis by Vic Cangialosi

Lock of the Day

Mrs Danvers (1st)
Lock Record: 11 for 22 (50%)
Meet Record: 52/216 \$311.40

1 1 mile; \$82,000; alw; 3up(f)

More October-like temperatures as we wrap up another week at Belmont's Fall Meet...**MRS DANVERS** wrapped a pair of 2nd place finishes at this level/distance around a last place finish in the grade 1 Test. Wins the opener; blinkers on. **SAY MOI** ran evenly, midpack racing 7/8. Chases Mrs Danvers home. Alvarado subs for Rosario who stays on top pick. **MRS S** Pletcher filly was more than a dozen lengths back of Mrs Danvers. Narrows the gap 2nd off the layoff. Irad at a price.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Sav Moi(L),118	J Alvarado	4-4-2	Mott	8-5
2	Mrs. Danvers(L),118	J Rosario	2-5-2	McGaughy III	1-1
3	Invaluable(L),118	J Ortiz	1-1-2	Reynolds	10-1
4	So Darn Hot(L),120	M Franco	10-2-1	Weaver	7-2
5	Mrs. S(L),120	I Ortiz, Jr	6-9-1	Pletcher	12-1

2 6 fur(T); \$80,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

Two-year-olds to back-end the double. **SO ENCHANTING** debuted 2nd best after leading late. Graduates 2nd time around for Chad Brown. **AMALFI PRINCESS** debuted 3rd, then a closer 4th in the grade 3 Matron. J Ortiz rides for Maker. **MUN LUV** was 5th, but only 3 lengths back of So Enchanting. Gets Rosario back. **COWORTH PARK** (Pletcher/Saez) and **PEACE NICKER** (Stidham/Johnny V) make career debuts.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
2	So Enchanting ,119	J Castellano	2-x-x	C Brown	8-5
3	Honey Pants ,119	M Franco	6-x-x	Clement	12-1
4	Coworth Park ,119	L Saez	x-x-x	Pletcher	8-1
5	Midnight Choir ,119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	Thomas	6-1
1	a-Miss Brazil ,119	E Cancel	x-x-x	A Dutrow	15-1
6	Mun Luv ,119	J Rosario	5-3-x	Handal	6-1
7	Amalfi Princess ,119	J Ortiz	4-3-x	Maker	7-2
8	Peace Nicker ,119	J Velazquez	x-x-x	Stidham	8-1
9	Magical Charm ,119	K Carmouche	8-x-x	Toner	30-1
1A	a-Take It Off ,119	Rider TBA	x-x-x	A Dutrow	15-1

3 6 fur; \$43,000; cfm(\$35,000); 3up

Haven't seen **SIENA MAGIC** in 14 months. Ran a close 2nd with similar before going on the shelf. Resurfaces as a gelding racing for new team Baker/Davis. **WICKSTERS DREAM** was claimed by Duggan after landing midpack at Spa. Won previous pair. Rebounds if top pick needs a race. **FED FUNDS** walked home last of 8 here weeks ago. Route to sprint and sharply lower for DePaz. Topped allowance field update.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	American Rule(L),121	B Hernandez	8-5-9	Tournas	30-1
2	Dazzling Speed(L),118	J Martinez	5-2-5	Mc Allen	50-1
3	Fed Funds(L),113	L Cardenas	8-4-1	DePaz	3-1
4	Cavaradossi(L),123	J Alvarado	4-5-3	Englehart	6-1
5	Siena Magic(L),121	D Davis	2-2-1	Baker	3-1
6	Wicksters Dream(L),120	L Saez	4-1-1	Duggan	5-2
7	Southern Bridge(L),123	I Ortiz, Jr	7-6-1	Sharp	7-2
8	Money Ride(L),120	E Cancel	10-3-2	Miceli	12-1

4 1 1/16 miles(T); \$82,000; alw; 3up(f)

Late run from **WINDFALL PROFIT** fell 3/4 short. Luke-warm fave that day; today as well. Broke maiden 2 back with Rosario up. Chad Browns **CAPITAL STRUCTURE** (3rd). **CRYSTALLLE** (4th) and **GOGO SHOES** (2nd at 19-1) here last month. Capital Structure debuted successfully 2 back at this distance. Crystalle may be better 2nd off the shelf under Irad. Gogo Shoes is 0 for 4 on turf. **EYE OF A SOLDIER** was 3rd, a neck better than the fast closing Windfall Profit but is a grass maiden.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Windfall Profit(L),120	J Rosario	4-1-3	McGaughy III	2-1
2	Gogo Shoes(L),118	K Carmouche	2-4-3	Ryan	6-1
3	Eye of a Soldier(L),120	J Alvarado	3-3-2	Mott	3-1
4	Bossy Bride(L),124	L Saez	2-4-5	Sciacca	5-2
5	Wicked Amber(L),118	J Martinez	2-1-6	Persaud	20-1
6	Crystalle(L),120	I Ortiz, Jr	4-11-2	Kimmel	9-2
7	Capital Structure(L),120	J Ortiz	3-1-x	C Brown	3-1
8	Passive Investing(L),124	J Castellano	5-8-3	Margotta	12-1
9	Solitary Gem(L),122	Rider TBA	7-2-2	Gvarmati	7-2

Belmont Results

FIRST-1 1/16 miles(T); \$70,000; mdn; 2YO

10 Swshbuckl (Rosro) 9.70 6.30 4.90
4 Vodka Lemonade (OrtzJr.) 6.00 5.60
11 Ruse (Velazquez) 6.70
Scr: Dusstegjeyouyres, Re Created, Noble Journey, Iwo Jima.
● \$1 Exacta (10-4) \$23.90 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (10-4-11-5) \$146.35 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (10-4-11) \$146.75

SECOND-1m; \$150,000; Maid Of The Mist; 2Y

6 Lbnprrcr (Crmch) 19.20 6.30 3.50
5 Frost Me (Ortz) 2.80 2.30
4 Chasing Cara (Davis) 4.70
Scr: Cara's Dreamer.
● \$1 Daily Double (10-6) \$65.75 ● \$1 Exacta (6-5) \$22.60 ● \$1 Quinella (5-6) \$9.40 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-5-4-3) \$24.40 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-5-4) \$65.25

THIRD-1 mile; \$150,000; Sleepy Hollow; 2YO

6 Brklyn Strng (Ortz) 9.60 4.90 3.20
7 Eagle Orb (Franco) 6.90 3.40
4 Breadman (Velazquez) 3.00
● \$1 Pick 3 (10-6-6) 3 Correct \$420.00 ● \$1

Daily Double (6-6) \$37.25 ● \$1 Exacta (6-7) \$29.50 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (6-7-4-2) \$21.37 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (6-7-4) \$46.75

FOURTH-1 1/16m; \$150,000; Ticonderoga; 3p

4 Myhrtblngstdy (Lzcn) 4.20 2.90 2.40
1 War Canoe (OrtizJr.) 3.50 2.50
6 Niko's Dream (Davis) 3.60
● \$1 Pick 3 (6-6-4) 3 Correct \$149.00 ● \$1 Daily Double (6-4) \$14.40 ● \$1 Exacta (4-1) \$5.70 ● \$1 Quinella (1-4) \$4.25 ● \$0.1 Superfecta (4-1-6-3) \$5.57 ● \$0.5 Trifecta (4-1-6) \$15.00

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FIFTH-7 fur(T); \$70,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

2 Bg Tm Ldy (OrtzJr.) 10.60 5.40 3.20
10 U Shold B Dncng (Frcm) 7.30 4.50
6 B C Belle (Lezcano) 2.90
Scr: Love's Misery, Rosey's Peach, Athena Dancer, Chilly Choos, Byhubbyhellomoney.
● \$0.5 Pick 5 (10-6-6-4-2) 5 Correct \$3,779.00
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5 6 fur(T); \$80,000; mdn; 2YO(f)

More two-year-olds. **BAY STORM** Parked wide but passed tired rivals and got 3rd in her opener. Storms home at 2nd asking; rider change to Castellano. Irish filly **MILESTONE PAYMENT** loads 1st time for Chad Brown. Irad on the Klaravich owned gray. **BABA** makes turf debut for Albertrani. Led, tired to 4th this distance on dirt. Saez on the lead at a price. **EVVIE JETS** and **OGOTTEN GIRL** both ran home 3rd debuting on lawn.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	My Tommy Lee ,119	J Alvarado	4-x-x	Morley	6-1
2	Milestone Payment ,119	I Ortiz, Jr	x-x-x	C Brown	7-2
3	Evvie Jets ,119	E Cancel	3-x-x	A Dutrow	9-2
4	Actually ,119	J Ortiz	x-x-x	Motion	8-1
5	Baba ,119	L Saez	4-6-x	Albertrani	15-1
6	Nythingzpzabile ,119	M Franco	6-x-x	Sweezy	30-1
7	Our Flash Drive ,119	D Davis	4-7-x	Casse	20-1
8	Bay Storm ,119	J Castellano	3-x-x	Thomas	3-1
9	Third Draft ,119	J Rosario	x-x-x	McGaughy III	10-1
10	O'Gotten Girl ,119	J Velazquez	4-3-x	Pletcher	6-1

6 1 mile; \$28,000; cfm(\$16,000); 3up

Rudy Rodriguez puts **DIANNESIMPZAIBLE** back on the dirt after sneaking home an invisible 8th. Graduated 2 back on dirt with Irad up. Rebound in cards. **ECONOMIC POLICY** went turf to dirt and responded, earning her diploma by 3+. Modestly spotted for Chad Brown. Irad on the Monmouth shipper. **VITESSE** ran a clear 2nd with similar at this distance. Scored easily, 2 back. Franco rides for Nevin. Contender.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Quintarelli(L),122	E Cancel	11-7-9	Ferraro	15-1
2	Diannesimpzabile(L),118	I Ortiz, Jr	8-1-3	Rodriguez	4-1
3	Allied Invasion(L),120	J Rosario	9-1-3	Clement	6-1
4	Centsmybavyleftme(L),122	K Carmouche	4-3-6	Broberg	12-1
5	My Amanien(L),122	J Martinez	10-2-4	DiPrima	20-1
6	I Saw It All(L),122	B Hernandez	7-5-4	Ferraro	20-1
7	Macho Boy(L),118	M Luzzi	3-7-4	Chichakly	12-1
8	Vitesse(L),120	M Franco	2-1-9	Nevin	7-2
9	Fotis(L),122	H Harkie	8-11-7	Jones	30-1
10	Economic Policy(L),120	J Ortiz	1-10-5	C Brown	2-1
11	Our American Star(L),115	L Cardenas	4-4-5	Shivmangal	20-1

7 1 1/16m(T); \$43,000; mdn cfm(\$40,000); 3up(f)

Wide open. Edge to **HARD WON** who made the board last pair at this level/distance. **ROMA CARPE** is 0 for 12, best showing was in August missing by a length at 82-1. Not today, but Carpe Diem filly may be better equipped to run a route. **WICKED HAPPY** finished 4th, a length back of Hard Won, then a closer 3rd next out.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Rapido Gatta(L),117	L Cardenas	3-10-7	Ferraro	15-1
2	Dustinthewind(L),120	J Martinez	6-8-5	Mc Allen	50-1
3	Roma Carpe(L),120	B Hernandez	6-11-11	Dharamjit	50-1
4	Kitten's Romance(L),120	K Carmouche	5-6-2	Duggan	6-1
5	Fly Fight Win(L),120	J Ortiz	8-7-11	Toner	5-1
6	Malibu Anthem(L),120	J Ortiz	9-7-2	Albertrani	7-5
7	Starry Hope ,120	M Luzzi	x-x-x	P Kelly	30-1
8	Giggle Factory(L),120	L Saez	7-7-4	Albertrani	8-1
9	Cherokee Song(L),120	E Cancel	4-6-8	Persaud	8-1
10	Wicked Happy(L),120	J Alvarado	3-4-6	Gvarmati	7-2
11	Hard Won(L),120	D Davis	3-2-6	Gvarmati	3-1
12	Spring to Summer ,120	M Franco	9-x-x	Falcone	6-1
13	Miss Moon Pie(L),120	J Lezcano	7-6-x	Rice	8-1

8 6 1/2 fur; \$84,000; alw; 3up

PETES PLAY CALL and **LAST JUDGEMENT** ran home 4-5 last month. Petes Play Call won previous pair and has 3 wins at this longer distance. Gets Saez back. **CUCINA** enters off an allowance W at Spa. **MAD MUNNYS** has hit the board 3 straight. Again.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Last Judgment(L),123	J Castellano	5-1-6	Morley	5-2
2	Mad Munnys(L),123	J Lezcano	3-2-3	B Brown	9-2

3	Cucina(L),122	J Alvarado	1-4-7	Mott	6-1
4	High Velocity(L),118	I Ortiz, Jr	6-3-3	Breen	4-1
5	Mo Gotcha(L),123	J Ortiz	1-6-3	Englehart	6-1
6	Chateau(L),123	M Franco	2-7-5	Atras	8-1
7	Pete's Play Call(L),123	L Saez	4-1-1	Toscano	7-2

9 1 1/16 miles(T); \$100,000; Athenaia; 3up(f)

The feature is the grade 3 Athenaia and there's a lot to like. **SWEET BYE AND BYE** was a close 3rd in the Noble Damsel. Nipped optionals 2 back and placed 2nd in last years Athenaia. Only lady with a win over the oval. **CALL ME LOVE** was last of 5 in the Diana but a close 2nd in the Ballston Spa, contested at this distance. Trained by Clement who also saddles **FEEL GLORIOUS**. Wide 7th in the Noble Damsel. 3 for 4 at this shorter distance including a 100k at the Springs. Best value. **SHES GOT YOU** and **ALTEA** ran 1-2 in the Violet at Monmouth. **MITCHELL ROAD** and **TAPIT TODAY** ran 2-3 in a grade 3 at Kentucky Downs. Tapit Today is 3 for 3 at distance.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Mitchell Road(L),124	J Saez	2-11-1	Mott	9-2
2	Call Me Love(L),122	J Rosario	5-2-4	Clement	7-2
3	Feel Glorious(L),124	J Alvarado	7-1-3	Clement	8-1
4	Story Time(L),122	D Davis	4-3-4	Sweezy	30-1
5	Altea(L),122	I Ortiz, Jr	2-4-4	C Brown	6-1
6	Sweet Bye and Bye(L),122	J Lezcano	3-1-3	A Dutrow	3-1
7	She's Got You(L),124	J Castellano	1-3-3	C Brown	4-1
8	Tapit Today(L),122	J Ortiz	3-4-3	C Brown	6-1

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SILKY BLUE (4th), **FRESCO** (3rd) and **DATA ANALYTICS** (wide 11th as fave) racing a mile. Silky Blue is proven at 7/8. Data Analytics won 2 back at Spa. **PURE BODE** lost to Data Analytics then graduated next out.

PN	Horse Wt.	Jockey	Last 3	Trainer	Odds
1	Alphadora(L),116	L Cardenas	4-1-3	Coffey	20-
2	Violent Point(L),120	J Alvarado	2-4-6	Casse	10-
3	Data Analytics(L),120	J Castellano	11-1-8	C Brown	6-
4	Magical Romance(L),121	M Luzzi	8-1-4	Metivier	50-
5	Fresco(L),120	I Ortiz, Jr	3-4-1	Clement	2-
6	Dragoness(L),123	J Martinez	9-9-6	Henry	50-
7	Monificent(L),120	K Carmouche	5-1-4	Levine	12-
8	Silky Blue(L),120	M Franco	4-4-2	Duarte	4-
9	High School Crush(L),118	J Ortiz	1-2-2	Sciacca	10-
10	Pure Bode(L),120	J Lezcano	1-4-4	Hennig	6-
11	Tradeable(L),123	D Davis	2-6-7	Ferraro	20-
12	Kinky Sox(L),121	L Saez	6-9-4	Davis	15-
13	Amos(L),123	E Cancel	1-5-2	Potts	10-
14	Lottie's Mizzion(L),118	M Franco	1-5-3	Abreu	6-
15	Shesasuperfreak ,123	Rider TBA	11-6-3	R Klesaris	4-
16	Lem Me Have It(L),123	Rider TBA	4-1-5	Rodriguez	2-

PLAY OF THE DAY

Vodka Lemonade was put on the lead, but settled for second in a promising debut. Myhartblongstodady (\$4.20) stretched her winning streak to four in the Ticonderoga. Profit of \$37 on the day.

Race 6: Diannesimpzabile goes turf to dirt for Rudy Rodriguez. Won last dirt start. \$10 win and place.

Race 10: Silky Blue ran fourth with this group, but is proven at this shorter distance. \$10 win and place.

— Vic Cangialosi

Golf

PGA Tour Tour- 2020 Championship
At Sherwood Country Club; Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Purse: \$8 million; Yardage: 7,027; Par: 72

Third Round

Justin Thomas.....	65-65-67	197	-19
Jon Rahm.....	68-67-63	198	-18
Lanto Griffin.....	66-65-68	199	-17
Sebastian Munoz.....	64-70-66	200	-16
Ryan Palmer.....	69-65-66	200	-16
Patrick Cantlay.....	67-65-68	200	-16
Webb Simpson.....	69-65-67	201	-15
Brian Harman.....	66-68-67	201	-15
Matthew Fitzpatrick.....	69-65-67	201	-15
Bubba Watson.....	70-63-68	201	-15
Scottie Scheffler.....	67-65-69	201	-15
Dylan Frittelli.....	66-65-70	201	-15
Cameron Smith.....	67-69-66	202	-14
Tony Finau.....	69-64-69	202	-14
Cameron Champ.....	70-68-65	203	-13
Joel Dahmen.....	68-70-65	203	-13
Alex Noren.....	67-68-68	203	-13
Russell Henley.....	68-72-63	203	-13
Jason Kokrak.....	69-65-69	203	-13
Corey Connors.....	69-67-68	204	-12
Joaquin Niemann.....	70-66-68	204	-12
Kevin Na.....	70-65-69	204	-12
Satoshi Kodaira.....	68-66-70	204	-12
Patrick Reed.....	70-63-71	204	-12
Carlos Ortiz.....	72-65-68	205	-11
Takumi Kanaya.....	70-67-68	205	-11
Sungjae Im.....	68-68-69	205	-11
Brad Kennedy.....	72-67-66	205	-11
Richy Werenski.....	72-61-72	205	-11
Harris English.....	66-67-72	205	-11
Daniel Berger.....	69-68-69	206	-10
Andrew Landry.....	69-67-70	206	-10
Viktor Hovland.....	71-64-71	206	-10
Justin Rose.....	67-67-72	206	-10
Kevin Kisner.....	66-67-73	206	-10
Mackenzie Hughes.....	67-72-68	207	-9
Jim Herman.....	70-65-72	207	-9
Rory McIlroy.....	73-67-67	207	-9
Mark Hubbard.....	67-70-71	208	-8
Talor Gooch.....	74-63-71	208	-8
Brendon Todd.....	69-69-70	208	-8
Tyler Duncan.....	68-68-72	208	-8

The *POST* Line



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NFL Week 7		
	Today	
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
Bills	10 (45.5)	JETS
Browns	3.5 (50.5)	BENGALS
WASHINGTON	1 (44.5)	Cowboys
FALCONS	2.5 (54.5)	Lions
SAINTS	7 (49.5)	Panthers
Packers	3.5 (56.5)	TEXANS
TITANS	1.5 (50.5)	Steelers
PATRIOTS	2.5 (44.5)	49ers
Chiefs	8 (44.5)	BRONCOS
CHARGERS	7.5 (49.5)	Jaguars
Buccaneers	4.5 (52.5)	RAIDERS
Seahawks	3.5 (55.5)	CARDINALS
Monday		
RAMS	6 (45)	Bears

World Series

Sunday- Game 5

Favorite	Moneyline	Underdog
Dodgers	\$150-160	RAYS

Designated home team in MLB in CAPS

NFL	
Favorites to be 2021 NFL Draft first-overall pick	
PLAYER	ODDS
Trevor Lawrence	-834
Justin Fields	9/1
Penei Sewell	7/1
Trey Lance	20/1
Micah Parsons	50/1
Alex Leatherwood	50/1
Walker Little	80/1
Gregory Rousseau	80/1
Ja'Marr Chase	100/1
DeVonta Smith	100/1
Jaylen Waddle	100/1
Travis Etienne	150/1
Najee Harris	200/1
Kellen Mond	200/1
D'Eriq King	200/1
K.J. Costello	200/1
Rondale Moore	200/1
Brock Purdy	200/1
Amon-Ra St. Brown	200/1
Kyle Trask	200/1
Jalen Mayfield	200/1
Rashod Bateman	200/1
Sam Cosmi	200/1
Sam Ehlinger	200/1
Shaun Wade	200/1
Patrick Surtain II	200/1
Jamie Newman	200/1
Chuba Hubbard	200/1



TOP PLAY

Clay' to go! Dodger will ace Game 5 test

By GREG PETERSON

The postseason struggles of Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw are known and brought up constantly, but he has a chance to continue to change that narrative on Sunday in Game 5 of the World Series against the Rays.

Kershaw has allowed three runs or fewer in each of his four starts in these playoffs, and is coming off a tremendous Game 1 start in which he allowed one run while striking out eight in six innings. Overall, he has logged 25 innings with just three walks, a 2.88 ERA, and 11.2 strikeouts per nine innings.

Kershaw will be supported by a lineup that has led MLB in both runs and home runs in the regular season and entered Saturday with 25 home runs in 15 postseason games.

It has been far from an ideal postseason for many

of the Rays' starters, including Tyler Glasnow, who has a 6.08 ERA in five starts and has given up at least four runs in three of his last four starts. Walks have been a big culprit. He is averaging 5.3 per nine innings, while his strikeouts per nine innings has fallen from 14.3 in the regular season to 12.5 in the postseason.

The Rays as a team entered the weekend hitting .208 during the playoffs. The Dodgers have scored three runs or more in 25 of their last 27 games entering Saturday, so it will be difficult for the Rays bats to keep up and for their bullpen to get outs.

THE PLAY: Dodgers to win Game 5, moneyline -154. *Greg Peterson writes for VSIN.com, The Sports Betting Network. Track real-time movements at VSIN.com/odds.*



Clayton Kershaw

Getty Images

SPORTS SHORTS

UFC: Khabib retires after victory

Unbeaten lightweight champion **Khabib Nurmagomedov** retired from mixed martial arts after stopping **Justin Gaethje** with a triangle choke early in the second round Saturday night during UFC 254 at Fight Island in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Nurmagomedov (29-0) made the announcement immediately after he impressively finished his first fight since the July death of his father and lifelong coach, **Abdulmanap Nurmagomedov**, who had a heart problem exacerbated by COVID-19.

NFL: Vegas linemen may be back

The Raiders activated four starting offensive linemen — **Kolton Miller**, **Denzelle Good**, **Rodney Hudson** and **Gabe Jackson** — from the COVID-19 list after they all tested negative. All four were placed on the list Thursday because they had “high risk” contact Monday with fellow starter **Trent Brown** before he tested positive for the virus. All four linemen tested negative through Saturday and will be eligible to play against the Buccaneers if they pass one more test Sunday before the game.

- Eagles WR **DeSean Jackson** will be sidelined 6-8 weeks with a non-displaced fracture in his right ankle suffered in Thursday's win over the Giants.
- Bears LB **Khalil Mack** is questionable to play Monday night against the Rams because of a back injury.
- The Jaguars placed RB **Chris Thompson** on the COVID-19 list and activated RB **Devine Ozigbo** (hamstring) from IR.

- The 49ers placed RB **Raheem Mostert** on IR with a sprained left ankle.
- Packers Pro Bowl left tackle **David Bakhtiari** won't play Sunday against the Texans due to a chest injury. Green Bay also plans to sit running back **Aaron Jones**, who is dealing with a calf strain, the Green Bay Press-Gazette reported.

SOCCER: NYCFC snaps skid

Jesus Medina, **Maximiliano Moralez** and **Tony Rocha** scored in a 20-minute span and New York City FC beat the Montreal Impact, 3-1, at Yankee Stadium. NYCFC (9-8-3) snapped a three-game winless streak.

- In Chicago, **Brian White** scored in extra time and the Red Bulls (8-8-4) salvaged a 2-2 tie against the Chicago Fire. **Kyle Duncan** scored in the 39th minute for the Red Bulls.

ETC.: Thomas leads at Zozo

With a round of 5-under 67, **Justin Thomas** holds a one-shot lead over **Jon Rahm** in the Zozo Championship in Thousand Oaks, Calif. Defending champ **Tiger Woods** could only manage a 71. **Phil Mickelson** opened with seven birdies in eight holes, and played the rest of the way 2-over for a 67.

- Englishmen **Laurie Canter** and **Ross McGowan** share a three-shot lead entering the final round of the Italian Open in Brescia.
- In Greensboro, Ga., **Ally McDonald** held onto the lead in the LPGA Drive On Championship-Lake Reynolds Oconee.
- **Tyson Fury** confirmed in a video posted on Twitter that his next fight will take place in London on Dec. 5 against an as-yet unnamed opponent.

World Series Game 5		Game time	2020			'20 vs OPP			CAREER vs OPP	LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA			W-L	IP	ERA
Dodgers	Kershaw (L)		6-2	2.16	8-2	1-0	1.50	2-0		2-1	17.0	4.24
Rays	Glasnow (R)	8:08pm	5-1	4.08	9-2	0-1	13.17	0-1		0-2	12.2	7.11

* REC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Rays can't dodge defeat, Kershaw

A look back at Game 1 as we look into Game 5. The Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw threw a gem, one run over six superb innings. Kershaw is 3-1 this postseason, ERA 2.88, the K count at 31 across 25 innings.

Completely different story for the Rays' Tyler Glasnow. Steady all year he was roughed up in the series opener for six runs in just 4²/₃ innings. Couldn't find the plate, issuing a disturbing six walks, and when he did, Los Angeles' lineup made him pay.

Glasnow's postseason record is 2-2, ERA 6.08 and he has fanned 33 in 23²/₃ innings. So what can we expect in Game 5?

Moderation. The Rays' bats will be more productive, having seen Kershaw, and

Glasnow has nowhere to go but up after his worst start of the year, if not career. That said, we will still back the Dodgers for 20 units.

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What a game. What an ending. Dodgers led, 4-2. Rays took the lead on Brandon Lowe's three-run homer in the sixth. L.A. reclaimed the lead in the seventh, then again in the eighth. With two on and two out in the ninth, Brett Phillips' base hit off Kenley Jansen ended it. But not before Randy Arozarena did his best impression of Daniel Jones, falling on his way to the plate. We fell as well. Down -788 burthootons.

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Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY							
	TODAY Oct. 25	MON Oct. 26	TUE Oct. 27	WED Oct. 28	THU Oct. 29	FRI Oct. 30	SAT Oct. 31
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	N.E. 7:00 MSG	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Tor. 7:30 YES	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME

Monday, Nov. 2				Today			
	Tampa Bay 8:15 TV - ESPN Radio- WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM				Buffalo 1:00 TV - CBS Radio- ESPN 98.7 FM		

Today's Sports on the Air			
NFL	1 p.m.	Bills at Jets	CBS, ESPN (98.7 FM)
	4:05 p.m.	Buccaneers at Raiders	FOX
	4:25 p.m.	49ers at Patriots	CBS
	8:20 p.m.	Seahawks at Cardinals	NBC
			WFAN (660 AM/101.9 FM)
MLB	8 p.m.	World Series: Dodgers vs. Rays, Game 5	FOX ESPN (98.7 FM)
Golf	7 a.m.	Euro Tour: Italian Open, Final Round	GOLF
	1 p.m.	LPGA Tour: LPGA Drive On Championship, Final Round	GOLF
	5 p.m.	PGA Tour: Zozo Championship, Final Round	GOLF
Tennis	9:30 a.m.	ATP St. Petersburg, ATP Cologne	
Auto Racing	9:05 a.m.	Formula One: Portuguese Grand Prix	ESPN2
	Noon	NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series: SpeedyCash.com 400	FS1
	2 p.m.	NHRA: Spring Nationals	FS1
	2 p.m.	MotoAmerica: Day 2, Part 1	FS2
	2:30 p.m.	IndyCar: Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg	NBC
	3:30 p.m.	NASCAR Cup Series: Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500	NBCSN
	4:30 p.m.	MotoGP: Motorcycle Grand Prix Circuit	NBC
	6 p.m.	MotoAmerica: Day 2, Part 2	FS2
Soccer	10 a.m.	Premier League: Everton at Southampton	NBCSN
	12:30 p.m.	Premier League: Newcastle United at Wolverhampton	NBC
	1 p.m.	Liga MX: Tijuana at Toluca	UNIV
	1:30 p.m.	NCAA Women: Louisville at Notre Dame	ACCN
	2 p.m.	NCAA Women: South Carolina at Florida	SECN
	3:30 p.m.	LA Galaxy at LAFC	ABC
	4 p.m.	NCAA Women: Ole Miss at Arkansas	SECN
	5 p.m.	NCAA Women: Vanderbilt at Georgia	ESPNU
	9 p.m.	Liga MX: Club Atletico de San Luis at Santos Laguna	FS1
Horse Racing	12:30 p.m.	Belmont Park Live	MSG, MSG+
Bowling	5 p.m.	PBA: Playoffs, Round of 24	FS1
High School Boys Basketball	1 p.m.	GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, 7th-Place Game	ESPN2
	3 p.m.	GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, 5th-Place Game	ESPN2
	5 p.m.	GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, 3rd-Place Game	ESPN2
	7 p.m.	GEICO Top Flight Invite: TBD, Championship	ESPN2
Swimming	Noon	ISL: The N 3	CBSSN
Rugby	3:35 p.m.	Pro14: Connacht at Edinburgh	ESPNEWS
College	3:30 p.m.	NCAA Women: Louisville at Pittsburgh	ACCN
Volleyball	5:30 p.m.	NCAA Women: Virginia Tech at Duke	ACCN
College Field Hockey	Noon	Wake Forest at Duke	ACCN

ODDS & ENDS

NFL	
Bills at Jets odds and props, Sunday	
MONEYLINE	ODDS
Bills	-589
Jets	+430
FIRST-HALF SPREAD	
Bills -7 points	-106
Jets +7 points	-115
FIRST-HALF TOTAL	
Over 23 points	-115
Under 23 points	-106
PLAYER TO SCORE FIRST TD	
Josh Allen	11/2
Stefon Diggs	11/2
Devin Singletary	6/1
Zack Moss	10/1
Cole Beasley	12/1
Breshad Perriman	12/1
Gabriel Davis	12/1
Jamison Crowder	14/1
Tyler Kroft	18/1
Frank Gore	18/1
PASSING YARDS	O/U
Josh Allen	281.5
Sam Darnold	214.5
RUSHING YARDS	
Devin Singletary	57.5
Frank Gore	42.5
Josh Allen	28.5
RECEIVING YARDS	
Stefon Diggs	78.5
Cole Beasley	56.5
Jamison Crowder	53.5
Gabriel Davis	45.5

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE	
Everton at Southampton (Sun.)	
3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Everton	+145
Draw	+250
Southampton	+180
Newcastle at Wolverhampton (Sun.)	
3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Newcastle United	+425
Draw	+250
Wolverhampton	-134
Leicester City at Arsenal (Sun.)	
3-WAY BETTING	ODDS
Leicester City	+280
Draw	+280
Arsenal	-110

NASCAR	
Favorites to win Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500 Sunday, Fort Worth, Texas	
DRIVER	ODDS
Kevin Harvick	+260
Denny Hamlin	5/1
Joey Logano	7/1
Chase Elliott	10/1
Martin Truex Jr.	10/1
Ryan Blaney	11/1
Kyle Busch	12/1
Brad Keselowski	16/1
Erik Jones	18/1
Kurt Busch	20/1



Kliff notes: Kingsbury & Cards can solve Seattle

GOOD TO BE THE KING': Kliff Kingsbury's Cardinals are the choice of VSiN's Matt Youmans and Dave Tuley as short home underdogs vs. the Seahawks on Sunday night, while Drew Dinsick suggests the metrics point to an Under on the total.

By MATT YOUMANS, DAVE TULEY and DREW DINSICK

Three VSiN NFL handicappers dive into some betting angles for Sunday night's Seahawks at Cardinals matchup.

Youmans: Kyler Murray lofted a perfect pass that Christian Kirk caught in stride on the way to an 80-yard touchdown Monday in the Cardinals' 38-10 victory at Dallas. Take out that play, and Murray went 8-for-23 for 108 yards the rest of the night.

Murray's accuracy in Arizona's aerial attack has a lot of room for improvement, but the Seahawks are nearly as weak as the Cowboys in terms of pass defense. The Cardinals are fortunate to have a dependable running back in Kenyan Drake, who carried 20 times for 164 yards and two touchdowns Monday, and the league's No. 2 scoring defense (18.7 PPG).

Russell Wilson will tell us if Arizona's impressive defensive numbers are legit. I hate to bet against Wilson, but the Seahawks are in a similar situation the one the Packers faced last week — a hot team hitting the road after a bye — and it paid off to bet against Aaron Rodgers. Seattle made narrow escapes in home victories over the Cowboys, Patriots and Vikings — and the Cardinals are currently better than those three teams.

Pick: Cardinals +3.5

Tuley: Don't call me a bandwagon jumper on the Cardinals, as I have bets on them to win the NFC West and NFC from back in April. This is obviously a key game for them to make a serious run at the division, but they have a great shot at the minor upset. The Seahawks are undefeated at 5-0, but they have a knack of being involved in close games (which helps with us getting more than a field goal).

Pick: Cardinals +3.5

Dinsick: In reviewing the performance in Arizona's win over the Cowboys in Week 6, it is fair to adjust their passing defense up, now at full strength, while also adjusting the offense down.

The Kyler Murray and Kliff Kingsbury passing offense has not lived up to expectations this season (23rd in the metric Expected Points Added per Dropback, excluding garbage time) which presents a problem as they face a Seattle defense that is returning several key players in the secondary.

Most of the success for Murray this season has come on the ground, which matches up poorly against a Seattle team that is strong against the run, conceding an EPA of -0.153 point per rush. If the Cardinals are able to repeat the outstanding coverage they showed against the excellent Dallas wide receivers, this sets up for a perfect Under spot given the inflated total of 55.5. Depending on where you got the number, the Cardinals are 1-5 or 0-6 to the Under this season, falling five points short of the total on average. This may be the last time we see a total in the 50s for a Cardinals game.

Pick: Under 55.5.

Matt Youmans, Dave Tuley and Drew Dinsick write for VSiN.com, The Sports Betting Network.

RU snaps 21-game Big Ten slide

By NOAH TRISTER

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Isaih Pacheco ran for two first-half touchdowns, and Rutgers snapped a 21-game Big Ten losing streak Saturday, beating Michigan State, 38-27, in coach Greg Schiano's first game back with the Scarlet Knights.

Michigan State has a new coach too, but Mel Tucker's debut was forgettable from the start. The Spartans (0-1) turned the ball over seven times — four in the first half — and never led against a Rutgers team that hadn't won a conference game since Nov. 4, 2017 against Maryland.

"Those last seconds ... I looked up and said, 'Wow, this is real life, you know?'" said Rutgers defensive end Mike Tverdv, a junior who redshirted the year the Scarlet Knights last won in conference play. "So it's definitely long overdue."

The Scarlet Knights scored 14 points total through their first five Big Ten games last year. It took them 8:03 to reach that mark Saturday. Pacheco strolled in from 12 yards out to cap the game's opening drive, then Michigan State receiver Jayden Reed fumbled the ball away on his team's first offensive play.

Rutgers (1-0) didn't capi-

KNIGHT TIME



STRETCH RUN: Sophomore running back Aaron Young (above) looks to make a play as coach Greg Schiano (inset) earned the first win of his second stint at Rutgers.

Getty Images

RUTGERS 38
MICHIGAN ST. 27

talize on that turnover, but the Scarlet Knights quickly forced another. Rocky Lombardi was sacked and fumbled, giving Rutgers the ball at the Spartans' 1. A touchdown run by Johnny Langan made it 14-0.

Reed scored on a 50-yard catch-and-run on fourth down to make it 14-7, but the Spartans weren't done turning the ball over. An interception in Michigan State territory led to a 24-yard touchdown run by

Rutgers quarterback Noah Vedral.

Reed's second fumble of the half gave the Scarlet Knights the ball again, but Vedral threw an interception. Michigan State's Shakur Brown ran it back for a touchdown, but that was called back for a penalty and the Spartans settled for a field goal.

Pacheco scored on a 3-yard run in the final minute of the half, and Rutgers led 28-13 after two quarters. Michigan State lost another fumble near midfield on its first possession of the third.

Rutgers lost two fumbles

in its own territory in the third quarter. Lombardi threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jalen Nailor to make it 28-20, but the Spartans didn't capitalize on the second of those takeaways, getting stopped on fourth down from the Rutgers 21.

The Scarlet Knights drove the other way for a field goal that gave them an 11-point lead. Another Michigan State fumble — a muffed punt with 6:57 left — essentially sealed the game, although the teams traded late touchdowns after that and Lombardi threw an interception in the

final minute.

Schiano is back for a second stint as the Rutgers coach after spending 11 seasons in New Brunswick from 2001-11. Tucker took over Michigan State after Mark Dantonio, the winningest coach in school history, retired this offseason.

Dantonio was on hand for Saturday's game, but it's clear his former team has a lot of work to do. Michigan State's streak of 21 straight wins in home openers came to an end, and that may be the least of the Spartans' concerns at the moment.

—AP

Buckeyes thrash Nebraska

By MITCH STACY

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Justin Fields completed 20 of 21 passes for two touchdowns and ran for another, Master Teague III rushed for a pair of scores and No. 5 Ohio State rolled over Nebraska 52-17 Saturday in the Big Ten teams' pandemic-delayed opener.

Fields, a Heisman Trophy finalist last season, completed his first 12 passes and threw for 276 yards. He ran for another 52 — including a stunning 17-yard third-quarter touchdown scramble around the left side that saw him spin past a defender into the end zone.

The Ohio State defense took most of the first half to figure out a way to contain quarterback Adrian Martinez, who marched the Huskers down for a touchdown in the opening 2 minutes of the game.

Nebraska (0-1, 0-1 Big Ten) tied the score at 14 in the second quarter, but an Ohio State field goal, a defensive stop and Teague's second TD run gave the Buckeyes a 24-14 lead at the half. Then came Fields' nifty touchdown run and a 55-yard scoop and score by Buckeyes cornerback Seyvn Banks, and Ohio State (1-0, 1-0) had it under control.

—AP

Hoosiers' late 2-point conversions help stun Penn State

Associated Press

Michael Penix forced overtime with a two-point conversion run with 22 seconds left, then scored on a diving two-point conversion to give Indiana a season-opening, 36-35 upset victory over No. 8 Penn State.

The winning play went to a replay review before the officials announced the initial call stood.

"All I'd seen was an opportunity, an opportunity to go out and show the world what the Indiana Hoosiers are all about," Penix said. "They were playing man, so we've got to score to win the game, and I wasn't going to let my team down, so I went out and gave it my all."

Clemson 47, Syracuse 21

In Clemson, S.C., Trevor Lawrence threw two touchdown passes, Travis Etienne ran for three scores

and the top-ranked Tigers shook off a sluggish performance to open 6-0 for the sixth straight season, putting away the pesky Orange (1-5, 1-4).

Alabama 48, Tennessee 17

In Knoxville, Tenn., Mac Jones threw for 387 yards and ran for a touchdown, and Najee Harris ran for three more scores to help the No. 2 Crimson Tide (5-0) rout the Vols (2-3) for its 14th straight win in the rivalry.

Notre Dame 45, Pittsburgh 3

In Pittsburgh, Ian Book passed for 312 yards and three touchdowns and the No. 3 Fighting Irish (5-0, 4-0 ACC) overwhelmed the reeling Panthers (3-4, 2-4).

Oklahoma State 24, Iowa State 21

In Stillwater, Okla., Spencer San-

ders passed for 235 yards and ran for 71 and a touchdown in his return from injury and the No. 6 Cowboys (4-0, 3-0 Big 12) beat the No. 17 Cyclones (3-2, 3-1).

Miami 19, Virginia 14

In Miami Gardens, Fla., D'Eriq King threw for 322 yards and a touchdown, Mike Harley had career bests of 10 catches for 170 yards, and the No. 11 Hurricanes (5-1, 4-1 ACC) outlasted the Cavaliers (1-4, 1-4).

North Carolina 48, N.C. State 21

In Chapel Hill, N.C., Javonte Williams ran for 160 yards and three touchdowns to help the No. 14 Tar Heels (4-1, 4-1 ACC) romp past the No. 23 Wolfpack (4-2, 4-2) to renew the longtime state rivalry.

Michigan 49, Minnesota 24

In Minneapolis, Joe Milton accounted for two touchdowns in an unflappable debut at quarterback for the No. 18 Wolverines, who trampled the No. 21 Gophers with 258 yards rushing in the Big Ten's opening weekend.

Wake Forest 23, Virginia Tech 16

In Winston-Salem, N.C., Walk-on freshman safety Nick Andersen had three interceptions, Christian Beal-Smith ran for 129 yards and Nick Sciba kicked three field goals to help the Demon Deacons (3-2, 2-2 ACC) beat the No. 19 Hokies (3-2, 3-2).

Kansas State 55, Kansas 14

In Manhattan, Kan., Phillip Brooks returned a pair of punts for touchdowns and the No. 20 Wildcats (4-1) took advantage of an embarrassing day of special teams by its biggest ri-

vals, the Jayhawks (0-5, 0-4).

Marshall 20, Florida Atlantic 9

Huntington, W.Va., Brenden Knox rushed for 101 yards and caught one of redshirt freshman Grant Wells' two touchdown passes to lead the No. 22 Thundering Herd (5-0, 3-0 C-USA) over the pandemic-depleted Owls (1-1, 1-1).

Coastal Carolina 28, Ga. Southern 14

In Conway, S.C., backup quarterback Fred Payton threw three touchdown passes and the No. 25 Chanticleers (5-0, 3-0 Sun Belt) won their first game as a ranked team.

Army 49, Mercer 3

At West Point, Sandon McCoy had three 1-yard touchdown runs for the Black Knights (6-1), who also accepted a bid to the Independence Bowl.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.666	156	168
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	3	0	.400	109	110
Jets	0	6	0	.000	75	185
South						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	164	126
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	5	0	.166	146	182
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.166	125	181

North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1.000	156	94
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	4	2	0	.666	163	187
Cincinnati	1	4	1	.250	129	157

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	175	127
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	151	152
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	110
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	110	125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	4	1	.357	163	196
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	173	218
Washington	1	5	0	.166	108	162
Giants	1	6	0	.142	122	174
South						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.666	177	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	153	150
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	138	141
Atlanta	1	5	0	.166	162	184
North						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	128	116
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	162	139
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	133	143
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192
West						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Seattle	5	0	0	1.000	169	135
Arizona	4	2	0	.666	166	112
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.666	152	114
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	148	130

Thursday- Week 7
Philadelphia 22, **Giants** 21
Sunday
Buffalo at **Jets**, 1pm
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1pm
Green Bay at Houston, 1pm
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1pm
Carolina at New Orleans, 1pm
Detroit at Atlanta, 1pm
Dallas at Washington, 1pm
Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 4:05pm
Kansas City at Denver, 4:25pm
San Francisco at New England, 4:25pm
Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:25pm
Seattle at Arizona, 8:20pm
Bye: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami, Minnesota

Monday
Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15pm
Thursday- Week 8
Atlanta at Carolina, 8:20pm
Sunday, Nov. 1
Jets at Kansas City, 1pm
Tennessee at Cincinnati, 1pm
L.A. Rams at Miami, 1pm
Indianapolis at Detroit, 1pm
New England at Buffalo, 1pm
Las Vegas at Cleveland, 1pm
Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1pm
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1pm
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05pm
New Orleans at Chicago, 4:25pm
San Francisco at Seattle, 4:25pm
Dallas at Philadelphia, 8:20pm
Bye: Houston, Jacksonville, Arizona, Washington
Monday, Nov. 2
Tampa Bay at **Giants**, 8:15pm

NFL Injury Report

SUNDAY
Bills at Jets
Bills: **Out:** WR John Brown (knee), LB Tyrel Dodson (hamstring), T Cody Ford (knee), TE Dawson Knox (calf), CB Josh Norman (hamstring). **Questionable:** CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral), CB Tre'Davious White (back). **Limited:** QB Jake Fromm (not injury related), CB Cameron Lewis (wrist), LB Matt Milano (pectoral). **Full:** QB Josh Allen (left shoulder), S Jaquan Johnson (back). **Jets:** **Doubtful:** K Sam Ficken (right groin), G Alex Lewis (shoulder). **Questionable:** T Mekhi Becton (shoulder), WR Jamison Crowder (groin), QB Sam Darnold (right shoulder), T Chuma Edoga (calf), T George Fant (knee). **Full:** LB Tarell Basham (illness), WR Braxton Berrios (quadricep), RB Frank Gore (not injury related), LB Jordan Jenkins (shoulder), WR Breshad Perriman (ankle, knee).

Panthers at Saints
Panthers: **Questionable:** CB Eli Apple (hamstring), CB Donte Jackson (toe), G John Miller (ankle), WR Curtis Samuel (knee). **Full:** CB Eli Apple (hamstring), RB Trenton Cannon (neck), RB Mike Davis (ankle), DT Zach Kerr (toe), T Trenton Scott (not injury related), K Joey Slye (not injury related). **Saints:** **Out:** G Nick Easton (concussion), WR Michael Thomas (ankle, hamstring). **Questionable:** S J.T. Gray (hamstring). **Limited:** T Terron Armstead (hand), S J.T. Gray (hamstring), CB Justin Hardee (hamstring). **Full:** WR Deonte Harris (hamstring), CB Janoris Jenkins (shoulder).

Browns at Bengals
Browns: **Out:** TE Austin Hooper (illness), LB Jacob Phillips (knee), G Wyatt Teller (calf). **Questionable:** S Karl Joseph (hamstring), DT Sheldon Richardson (achilles). **Limited:** P Jamie Gillan (left groin), WR Jarvis Landry (hip, ribs), S Andrew Sendejo (shin), C J.C. Tretter (knee). **Full:** LB Tae Davis (elbow), S Ronnie Harrison (concussion), RB Kareem Hunt (ribs), S Karl Joseph (hamstring), QB Baker Mayfield (chest), TE David Njoku (shoulder), DT Sheldon Richardson (achilles), LB Sione Takitaki (hand). **Bengals:** **Out:** CB William Jackson (concussion), RB Joe Mixon (foot). **Questionable:** WR John Ross (illness), S Shawn Williams (hamstring). **Full:** DT Geno Atkins (not injury related), LB Markus Bailey (neck), DE Khalid Kareem (shoulder), CB Darius Phillips (illness), WR Auden Tate (shoulder).

Cowboys at Washington
Cowboys: **Out:** T Brandon Knight (knee), G Zack Martin (concussion). **Limited:** DE Aldon Smith (neck). WASHINGTON: **Out:** T Saahdiq Charles (knee), WR Antonio Gandy-Golden (hamstring), DE James Smith-Williams (concussion), WR Isaiah Wright (shoulder). **Questionable:** T Geron Christian (knee). **Full:** CB Ronald Darby (illness), LB Kevin Pierre-Louis (shoulder), TE Logan Thomas (neck), DE Chase Young (groin).

Lions at Falcons
Lions: **Out:** CB Desmond Trufant (hamstring). **Full:** WR Danny Amendola (foot), G Joe Dahl (groin), DE Trey Flowers (wrist), WR Marvin Jones (knee), C Frank Ragnow (groin). **Falcons:** **Questionable:** DE Takkarist McKinley (groin). **DNP:** G James Carpenter (not injury related), RB Todd Gurley (not injury related), DT Deadrin Senat (not injury related). **Limited:** DE Dante Fowler (ankle), WR Julio Jones (hamstring), WR Calvin Ridley (elbow). **Full:** WR Russell Gage (shoulder), S Jaylinn Hawkins (concussion), WR Brandon Powell (elbow), CB Kendall Sheffield (foot).
Packers at Texans
Packers: **Out:** RB Tyler Ervin (wrist), DT Tyler Lancaster (shoulder). **Doubtful:** T David Bakhtiari (chest), CB Kevin King (quadricep), S Darnell Savage (quadricep). **Questionable:** DE Montravius Adams (foot), RB Aaron Jones (calf), C Corey Linsley (back), LB Preston Smith (shoulder), TE Robert Tonyan (ankle). **Limited:** LB Krys Barnes (shoulder, calf), LB Rashan Gary (ankle), TE Marcedes Lewis (knee), LB Preston Smith (shoulder), LB Za'Darius Smith (ankle), WR Equanimeous St. Brown

(knee), TE Robert Tonyan (ankle). **Full:** CB Jaire Alexander (hand, knee), C Corey Linsley (back). **Texans:** **Questionable:** TE Jordan Akins (ankle, concussion), LB Peter Kalambayi (hamstring). **Full:** LB Dylan Cole (knee), CB Keion Crossen (foot), RB Buddy Howell (hamstring), G Senio Kelemete (knee), S Justin Reid (shoulder), T Laremy Tunsil (shoulder).

Jaguars at Chargers
Jaguars: **Out:** TE Tyler Eifert (neck), LB Myles Jack (ankle), S Jarrod Wilson (hamstring). **Questionable:** G A.J. Cann (shoulder). **Limited:** WR D.J. Chark (ankle), DT Abry Jones (ankle), WR Laviska Shenault (hamstring). **Full:** LB Dakota Allen (foot), DE Josh Allen (knee), T Ben Bartch (foot, knee), DE Adam Gotsis (not injury related), K Josh Lambo (left hip), G Brandon Linder (not injury related), G Andrew Norwell (ankle), TE James O'Shaughnessy (not injury related). **Chargers:** **Out:** G Trai Turner (groin). **Doubtful:** T Storm Norton (knee). **Questionable:** T Bryan Bulaga (back), WR K.J. Hill (hip), RB Justin Jackson (knee), QB Tyrod Taylor (ribs). **Limited:** T Sam Tevi (thumb, ankle). **Full:** WR Keenan Allen (back), RB Justin Jackson (knee), DT Linval Joseph (elbow), QB Tyrod Taylor (ribs).

Chiefs at Broncos
Chiefs: **Out:** DE Taco Charlton (knee), DE Alex Okafor (hamstring), T Mitchell Schwartz (back), WR Sammy Watkins (hamstring). **Full:** T Eric Fisher (shoulder), DT Chris Jones (groin), TE Nick Keizer (shoulder), DT Derrick Nnadi (ankle), C Austin Reiter (knee), CB Charvarius Ward (hand), RB Darrel Williams (shoulder). **Broncos:** **Out:** LB Jeremiah Attaochu (quadricep), WR Dontae Spencer (shoulder). **Questionable:** TE Andrew Beck (hamstring), TE Jake Butt (hamstring), G Dalton Risner (shoulder). **Full:** DE Bradley Chubb (ankle), T Demar Dotson (not injury related), TE Noah Fant (ankle), WR K.J. Hamler (hamstring), DT Mike Purcell (knee).

Steelers at Titans
Steelers: **Out:** CB Mike Hilton (shoulder), FB Derek Watt (hamstring). **Full:** G David DeCastro (abdomen), WR Dontae Johnson (back), C Maurkice Pouncey (foot), QB Ben Roethlisberger (not injury related), WR JuJu Smith-Schuster (knee), DE Stephon Tuitt (not injury related). **Titans:** **Full:** WR A.J. Brown (knee), LB Jadeveon Clowney (knee), DT DaQuan Jones (foot), T Dennis Kelly (knee), TE MyCole Pruitt (illness), TE Jonnu Smith (ankle), T Isaiah Wilson (illness).

49ers at Patriots
49ers: **Out:** LB Kwon Alexander (ankle), RB Raheem Mostert (ankle), S Jaquiski Tartt (groin), S Jimmie Ward (quadricep). **Questionable:** T Trent Williams (ankle), RB Jeffery Wilson (calf). **Full:** CB Dontae Johnson (groin). **Patriots:** **Out:** DT Carl Davis (concussion). **Questionable:** DT Adam Butler (elbow), S Kyle Dugger (ankle), WR Julian Edelman (knee), G Shaquille Mason (calf), DE Derek Rivers (back).

Seahawks at Cardinals
Seahawks: **Out:** S Jamal Adams (groin). **Questionable:** G Mike Iupati (back). **Cardinals:** **Questionable:** T Kelvin Beachum (ankle), LB Kylie Fitts (hamstring), LB Dennis Gardeck (foot), WR DeAndre Hopkins (ankle), CB Dre Kirkpatrick (foot), DT Jordan Phillips (foot). **Full:** S Budda Baker (thumb), LB Jordan Hicks (wrist).

Buccaneers at Raiders
Buccaneers: **Questionable:** S Andrew Adams (hamstring). **DNP:** DE Jason Pierre-Paul (knee). **Limited:** S Andrew Adams (hamstring), CB Carlton Davis (knee), WR Chris Godwin (hamstring), WR Scott Miller (hip, groin), S Antoine Winfield (shoulder, groin). **Full:** QB Tom Brady (not injury related), LB Lavonte David (knee), WR Mike Evans (ankle), RB Leonard Fournette (ankle), DE William Gholston (biceps), TE Rob Gronkowski (shoulder). **Raiders:** **Out:** WR Bryan Edwards (foot, ankle), CB Keisean Nixon (groin). **Questionable:** DT Maliek Collins (shoulder), DE Carl Nassib (toe). **Limited:** CB Lamarcus Joyner (hamstring). **Full:** WR Rico Gafford (hamstring), LB Nick Kwiatkoski (pectoral), T Sam Young (knee).

MONDAY
Bears at Rams
Bears: **DNP:** DT Akiem Hicks (illness), S Sherrick McManis (hamstring), CB Buster Skrine (ankle), OLB Khalil Mack

(back) **Limited:** S Deon Bush (hamstring), T Rashaad Coward (finger), NT Bilal Nichols (knee). **Full:** G Alex Bars (shoulder), OL Rashaad Coward (finger), WR Ted Ginn (not injury related), TE Jimmy Graham (not injury related), LB Danny Trevathan (not injury related), S Eddie Jackson (shoulder), DT Brent Urban (knee), LT Jason Spriggs (thumb), WR Javon Wims (ankle). **Rams:** **DNP:** TE Tyler Higbee (hand), RB Darrell Henderson Jr. (thigh), WR Robert Woods (groin). **Full:** OL Andrew Whitworth (not injury related), DL Aaron Donald (not injury related)

World Series

(Best-of-7) x- if necessary;
At Arlington, Texas; All Games on FOX and ESPN Radio (98.7 FM)
Tampa Bay Rays vs. LA Dodgers Series tied, 2-2.
Game 1: Dodgers 8, Rays 3
Game 2: Rays 6., Dodgers 4
Game 3: Dodgers 6, Rays 2
Game 4: Rays 8, Dodgers 7
Sun.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
Tue.: Rays vs. Dodgers, 8:08pm
x-Wed.: Oct. 28 Rays vs. Dodgers 8:09pm

Tampa Bay 8, L.A. Dodgers 7

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg	W
Betts rf	5	0	0	0	0	1	.235	
Seager ss	5	3	4	2	0	0	.500	
Turner 3b	5	2	4	1	0	0	.444	
Muncy 1b	4	0	1	1	1	1	.333	
Smith c	4	1	1	0	1	1	.176	
Bellinger dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.133	
Pollock cf	2	0	1	0	1	0	.250	
c-Pederson ph-lf	2	0	2	2	0	0	.375	
Taylor lf-cf	5	1	1	0	0	2	.250	
Hernandez 2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	.250	
Totals	40	7	15	7	4	6		

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg	W
Diaz 1b-3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	.250	
1-Wendle pr-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.182	
Arozarena dh	4	3	3	1	1	0	.357	
Brosseau 3b	2	0	1	0	0	1	.400	
a-Choi ph-1b	0	1	0	0	2	0	.143	
2-Phillips pr-rf	1	0	1	1	0	0	.0100	
Margot lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.333	
b-Meadows ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.182	
Lowe 2b	4	1	1	3	0	2	.176	
Adames ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.231	
Renfroe rf-1b	4	1	1	1	0	1	.167	
Zunino c	2	0	0	0	1	2	.000	
d-Tsutsugo ph	1	0	0	0	1	0	.000	
Kiermaier cf	4	2	2	1	0	2	.308	
Totals	34	8	10	7	5	14		

Los Angeles	101	011	210	-	7	15	1
Tampa Bay	000	113	102	-	8	10	0
Two outs when winning run scored. a- walked for Brosseau in the 6th. b-struck out for Margot in the 6th. c-singled for Pollock in the 7th. d-struck out for Zunino in the 9th. 1-Crystal Palace 2, Fulham 1 ran for Diaz in the 7th. 2-ran for Choi in the Manchester United 0, Chelsea 0 8th. E: Taylor (1). LOB: Los Angeles 10,Liverpool 2, Sheffield United 1 Tampa Bay 5. 2B: Pollock (1), Hernandez (1). German Bundesliga Turner (4), Taylor (1). HR: Turner (2), offBayern Munich 5, Eintracht Yarbrough; Seager (2), off Yarbrough;Frankfurt 0 Arozarena (2), off Urias; Renfroe (1), offRB Leipzig 2, Hertha Berlin 1 Urias; Lowe (3), off Baez; Kiermaier (2), offUnion Berlin 1, Freiburg 1 Baez. RBIs: Turner (2), Seager 2 (3), Muncy 2, Monchengladbach 3, Mainz 2 (5), Hernandez (2), Pederson 2 (2), Borussia Dortmund 3, Schalke 04 0 Arozarena (2), Renfroe (1), Lowe 3 (6). Italian Serie A Kiermaier (3), Phillips (1). SB: Arozarena (0), Sampdoria 3, Atalanta 1 CS: Arozarena (1). Runners left in scoring position: Los Angeles 6 (Taylor, Seager, Hernandez, Muncy 2, Betts); Tampa Bay 4 (Diaz, Wendle, Arozarena, Lowe). RISP: Los Angeles 4 (Diaz, Seager, Hernandez, Muncy 2, Betts); Tampa Bay 2 for 6. Runners moved up: Pollock. GIDP: Arozarena. DP: Los Angeles 1 (Hernandez, Muncy).							
Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NPI
Urias	4.2	4	2	2	1	9	80



College Football

East
Army 49, Mercer 3
Boston College 48, Georgia Tech 27
Houston 37, Navy 21
Marshall 20, Florida Atlantic 9
Notre 45, Pittsburgh 3
South
Alabama 48, Tennessee 17
Auburn 35, Mississippi 28
Charlotte 38, UTEP 28
Clemson 47, Syracuse 21
Coastal Carolina 28, Georgia Southern 14
E. Kentucky 31, Central Arkansas 28
Georgia St. 36, Troy 34
LSU 52, South Carolina 24
Louisville 48, Florida St. 16
Memphis 41, Temple 29
Miami 19, Virginia 14
North Carolina 48, NC State 21
Wake Forest 23, Virginia Tech 16
Kentucky 13, Chattanooga 10

Midwest
Indiana 36, Penn St. 35, OT
Kansas St. 55, Kansas 14
Michigan 49, Minnesota 24
Missouri 20, Kentucky 10
Northwestern 43, Maryland 3
Ohio St. 52, Nebraska 17
Purdue 24, Iowa 20
Rutgers 38, Michigan St. 27
Southwest
Oklahoma 33, TCU 14
Oklahoma State 24, Iowa St. 21
Texas 27, Baylor 16
Texas Tech 34, West

Baseball Today

Oct. 25
1911: Fred Merkle's 10th-inning sacrifice fly scored Larry Doyle to give the New York Giants a 4-3 win over the Philadelphia Athletics in the World Series. The victory cut the A's lead in the Series to 3-2.
1978: Gaylord Perry of the San Diego Padres becomes the first pitcher to win the Cy Young Award in both leagues. Perry wins the National League award with a 21-6 record and a 2.72 ERA.

English Premier League
West Ham 1, Manchester City 1
Crystal Palace 2, Fulham 1
Manchester United 0, Chelsea 0
Liverpool 2, Sheffield United 1
Tottenham 1, Arsenal 0
Birmingham City 1, Aston Villa 0
Bristol City 1, Exeter City 0
Bristol Rovers 1, Gillingham 0
Bristol Strikers 1, Barnet 0
Bristol W 1, Torquay 0
Bristol Y 1, Torquay 0
Bristol Z 1, Torquay 0
Bristol AA 1, Torquay 0
Bristol AB 1, Torquay 0
Bristol AC 1, Torquay 0
Bristol AD 1, Torquay 0
Bristol AE 1, Torquay 0
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Recently retired longtime sports announcer Mike “Doc” Emrick, known primarily for hockey coverage, trades in doing play-by-play for some Q&A with Post sports columnist Steve Serby.

Q: Which of your 22 Stanley Cup finals play-by-plays was your favorite?

A: Oh boy. It’s kind of like the father asked which of his children are the favorite? There were a couple when Pittsburgh and Detroit went back-to-back in ’08 and ’09. I drew the lucky card in that I was working the national game when the team that I followed all year long, the New Jersey Devils, won, and I got to call a home game when the Cup was clinched, which is a rarity to have it won at home to begin with and let alone to be the guy that was at the microphone when it happened. The ’95 Final sweep of Detroit, the fourth game would stand out in my mind for sure too because it was the first time that there’s ever been a championship won by a team in New Jersey.

Q: Which of your five Olympics was your favorite?

A: I would say it was probably 2010, the gold-medal game, because it epitomized to me the best of all hockey had to offer. You had a game between the two North American powers, and it was on the afternoon of the closing ceremony, so there were a lot of people watching. And you had a game where the goalie was pulled, the outcome was in doubt, and Zach Parise from the United States scored in the waning seconds to force overtime. Then you had all the uncertainty as the Zamboni went back and forth during the intermission: Who’s gonna score? When’s this gonna end? And then Sidney Crosby scored and Canada won.

Q: Describe the T.J. Oshie goal at the 2014 Sochi Olympics to beat the Soviet Union?

A: That would certainly enter into it, too, as far as a non-gold medal game, that would probably be the most dramatic that I’ve witnessed. T.J. took it so casually. Mike Eruzione had a celebration that was understandable, because he had broken a tie with 10 minutes to go in the third period in a tremendous upset [over Russia in Lake Placid in 1980]. And even though this didn’t even approximate the upset of a Russian team in 2014, it was dramatic nonetheless. It was in the preliminary round, I understand that, but it went on and on and finally, this guy had a chance to clinch, he was taking his sixth shootout attempt, he had already scored on three of the previous ones — he had a smile on his face! And he went in and he scored, and the first thing he did was point at his goaltender.

Q: Who were your favorite players to interview?

A: That would be about a 500-way tie for first. Dave Poulin was one. ... Larry Robinson was just magnificent. ... Bob Gainey, who later went on to become a general manager. ... Scott Stevens was injured in a game in Tampa and then we had to go into Buffalo and do a game the next day and it looked like it was gonna be a rare game that Scott Stevens was gonna miss due to injury. And then late in the afternoon they said, “No, Scott’s playing.” So I ran down in the dressing room area and it was just before they would lock us off, 90 minutes before game time I sat down with him, and I said: “What is this? Eddie Shore [legendary tough guy who had his ear sewn back on without anesthetic] and all of this other hockey lore? Is that why you’re playing?” And he said, “That’s pretty much it. This

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is what we do. We play above injury.” And that’s all he said!

Q: Enforcers: Who do you think of?

A: Bob Probert for one. One of the things that I recall was listening to a Rangers game on the radio with Marv Albert and Sal Messina, I was in the car. And of course Marv knows boxing, and Marv was going on about how impressed he was that Probert was able to change hands during the fight. ... Craig Berube, because of just the raw number of fights. ... There were feared guys like Dave Schultz. ... And probably one of the smaller, tougher guys and the guy who had the all-time leadership in penalty minutes was Dave “Tiger” Williams.

Q: Snipers: Who comes to mind?

A: Mike Bossy was one — my goodness, could he ever shoot! Bill Barber was another because he had the big shot off the wing, but Mike Bossy could come down and split the goaltender’s legs with a shot, or he could fire it. It was nothing for him to score 50 goals. And now, it’s just Alex [Ovechkin].

Q: Goaltenders: Who comes to mind?

A: Well, I’m spoiled. I had 18 years hanging around the Devils, and the first year that I showed up there in 1993 after the three years that I’d put in in the early stretch with them, Marty [Brodeur] was a rookie. He strikes me as the best, although there were some wonderful goaltenders in between. Grant Fuhr played so many games — he would play 70, 75 games a year. And of course Patrick Roy. I admired Marty for how much he enjoyed playing, and how kind he was to people that he was around.

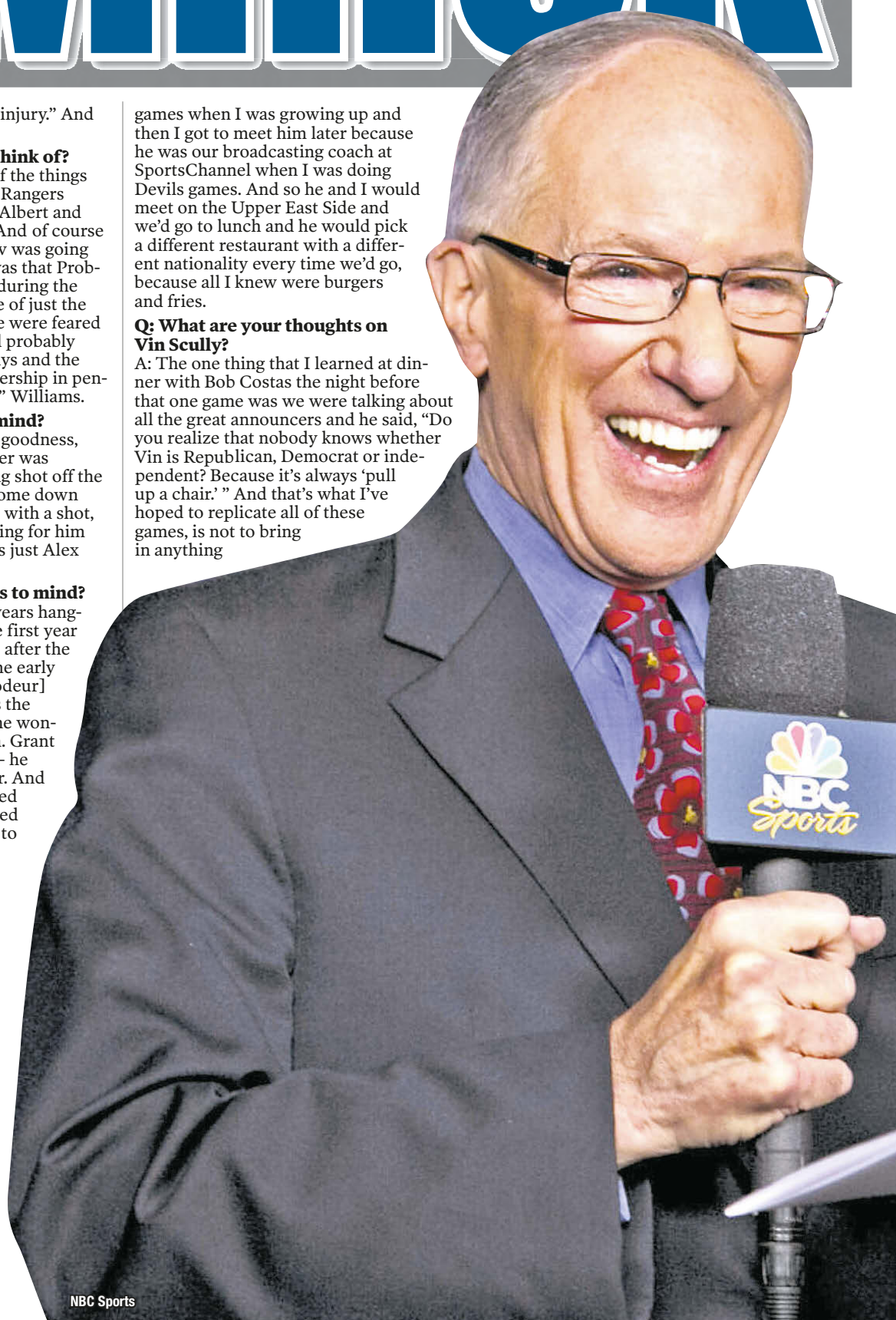
Q: Who are announcers or broadcasters you admire today?

A: I’m biased because I like Greg Brown, who does the Pirate games ‘cause I listen to him all the time. The fact that I got to work with Bob Costas for one memorable baseball game, I’ll never do another baseball again because this turned out to be so perfect. To walk around PNC Park and go into clubhouses of the Pirates and Cubs, and see the respect that the players and the two managers had for him, and just to sit there and listen to the questions that he asked, that was pretty memorable for me. And in an earlier era, Marty Glickman, because I got to hear him on national

games when I was growing up and then I got to meet him later because he was our broadcasting coach at SportsChannel when I was doing Devils games. And so he and I would meet on the Upper East Side and we’d go to lunch and he would pick a different restaurant with a different nationality every time we’d go, because all I knew were burgers and fries.

Q: What are your thoughts on Vin Scully?

A: The one thing that I learned at dinner with Bob Costas the night before that one game was we were talking about all the great announcers and he said, “Do you realize that nobody knows whether Vin is Republican, Democrat or independent? Because it’s always ‘pull up a chair.’” And that’s what I’ve hoped to replicate all of these games, is not to bring in anything



NBC Sports

Yanks need kids to pitch in for '21

By DAN MARTIN

If the Yankees limit payroll next season to stay under the luxury tax threshold of \$210 million, they won't be able to rely on plugging holes in their rotation with high-priced free agents and trade targets.

Even if they retain Masahiro Tanaka, they might have to go with a pair of rookies along with Gerrit Cole, Jordan Montgomery and perhaps Domingo German — if the right-hander can convince the Yankees he's turned his life around after serving a suspension for violating MLB's domestic violence protocols.

The Yankees may have gotten a preview of two of the young right-handers they could turn to while they also wait for the return of Luis Severino from Tommy John surgery.

Deivi Garcia opened some eyes in his time with the Yankees in the abbreviated regular season, while the team's other top pitching prospect — Clarke Schmidt — had a tougher time in his brief 2020 opportunity in The Bronx.

But Sam Briend, the Yankees' director of pitching, said he believes both Garcia and Schmidt will be able to thrive if given the chance next season — and a big part of that is their attitude.

"What stands out about Deivi is he's such a competitor," said Briend, who was hired in June 2019 and oversaw the pitchers this past season at the Yankees' alternate site at their Triple-A facility. "With his demeanor, you'd think he's been in the majors for 10 years. People say the same thing from when he was in the [Gulf Coast League] at 18. He had that brush-back mentality, like Pedro Martinez. He's undersized, but wants to show he's not

scared of you. We want that attitude. I think we need more pitchers like that, that have that confidence and say 'We're the New York Yankees and we're here to win ball games and we're not gonna back down.' Schmidt has a lot of that same toughness."

They'll need it if they're both going to pitch important innings for the Yankees in 2021.

"Seeing him in games this year, I thought [Garcia] threw the ball extremely well," said Tommy Phelps, who spent the past 13 years as a pitching coach in the Yankees organization before being furloughed last month and then becoming an assistant pitching coordinator with the Marlins. "I think he is going to be a solid guy in the rotation and help them win. He is going to give them a chance to win every night."

That figures to happen soon.

"I'm not sure how the rotation will work out next year, but their demeanor doesn't hurt," Briend said. "Deivi is a great talent, has an unreal fastball and explosive off-speed stuff, but a lot of the game is between the ears and that's what's going to help him. Schmidt struggled and didn't have the outings he was looking for, but he's probably better for it in the long-term because he knows what he has to work on."

There are other options the Yankees could turn to, like Mike King or Miguel Yajure, but all of them have been impacted by the lack of a minor league season this year, due to COVID-19.

"I don't know that we missed that much [in player development]," Briend said. "In some ways, it helped because we could adjust the schedule whenever we wanted."

NHL still eyeing Jan. 1 start

By LARRY BROOKS

NHL general managers won't be doing much, if any, talking about Friday's conference call with the league on which the terrain for the 2020-21 season was discussed, because they were advised on the call not to comment.

Alrighty, then.

But no such gag order has been placed on The Post, so here is a review of issues taken up on the call, per a source:

- The NHL is still aiming for a Jan. 1 start, even though the scheduled New Year's Day Winter Classic at Minnesota has been canceled.

The objective remains to play a full 82-game season with full arenas, but the league understands that is not likely.

A shorter schedule and the possibility of starting the season in a limited number of "hub cities" would require

authorization from the NHL and the NHLPA. Players and staff would not be segregated from polite society, but rather would be expected to follow yet-to-be negotiated protocols as, say, MLB players during their 2020 season.

Groups of teams would be sent to designated hub cities to compete for two-to-three weeks, and then shuttle home for a week or so of practice before their next assignment. The idea would be to play a portion of the schedule under this format before evolving to a more typical schedule once (or if) fans are permitted in a substantial number of NHL arenas.

Geographical realignment, including the creation of a Canadian Division, is a possibility.

- Training camp would be 14 days and include a maximum of 35 players (skaters plus goaltenders).

A nine-day conditioning camp including up to 35 players (skaters and goaltenders) for draft selections, entry-level players and tryouts, may be scheduled prior to camp. Players participating in conditioning camp must also be invited to the main camp.

The plan is to play three or four exhibition games per team.

● Team facilities are currently allowed to be open under Phase 2 regulations.

Teams are required to test players twice a week during this voluntary phase, with clubs and league personnel advising players that they should use their respective teams' facilities once "in market."

Relatively few players, however, are "in-market," with most remaining at home until definitive training-camp dates are set. The Post has been told that several teams have not opened their facilities.

from the outside, everybody just enjoy this game together.

Q: Marv Albert?

A: I was his backup for two years doing Rangers on radio. He was priceless in every role that he took. His son [Kenny] was our statistician. With radio, the good thing was that not only could you describe the game but you could have wonderful chemistry with who you worked with and Sal was the perfect foil.

Q: How would you describe your style?

A: I wouldn't, I leave that up to folks like yourself. I have no grasp of what I'm like.

Q: What was it like for you working with John Davidson?

A: He didn't go in and work a dressing room ... the dressing room came to him. He would stand in the hallway before the room got closed 90 minutes before, and sometimes with one foot against the wall in the hallway, and he would just pass the time of day and people would come by and talk to him — club owners, general managers, equipment guys, trainers and players — and he would not write anything down. And then as soon as they would disappear, he would go around the corner in the hallway because it was underneath the stands, he would take out of his coat pocket one of three sheets of yellow-lined paper that were folded into strips, and if the note that he had just gotten was on the visiting team, that would go on one strip of paper; if the note was on the home team, it would go on another. And if it was a general note about the league it will go on the other. And then when he got to the booth, those three strips of paper would be dropped down on his table in front of him, and then he would connect with the truck and tell them what he had. He realized, and he told me this, we were now in the era of Internet access to newspapers, and he said the passionate fans are gonna read everything they can get their hands on: "I can't just give them what's in the newspaper, I've gotta have fresh stuff." He was a marvel.

Q: Was there a single most electric game?

A: One of the things that comes to mind is the night that both Alex Ovechkin and Sidney Crosby had hat tricks in a playoff game, and Pittsburgh wound up winning the game in Washington.

Q: Mark Messier?

A: Wonderful leader. Wouldn't want to play against him. Memory of having called his game [Game 6 Eastern Conference finals versus the Devils] in which he forecast the victory and delivered the hat trick.

Q: Would you ever consider wearing one of Don Cherry's outfits?

A: (Laugh) No, I'm not cut out for that. NBC always put us in navy blue, gray or black, and I was always comfortable in that kind of a suit.

Q: Emile Francis?

A: Great guy, and a guy that developed the Rangers through some very difficult years and kept the St. Louis Blues afloat on smoke and mirrors. The Blues would not have survived to win a Stanley Cup if Emile Francis was not running the Blues during those troublesome years.

Q: Scotty Bowman?

A: An absolute legend. You couldn't sit next to him and not learn something. And loved golf. He would play hooky from a practice during the Masters every year. Would not miss a game.

Q: Lou Lamoriello?

A: Made a big difference in my career, because when I was let go by the Flyers, Lou Lamoriello was campaigning with SportsChannel in New York for me to come to the Devils, and a lot of that I was unaware of.

Q: What makes him as great as he is?

A: I was raised in a family of schoolteachers, and we all understood that one thing that worked in our lives at least is hard work and discipline, and that's what worked for the Devils, and I think that's what works for the Islanders.

Q: Herb Brooks?

A: My goodness! I got to work with Herb in the 1989 Stanley Cup finals for SportsChannel America. He had pulled off the incredible miracle nine years earlier. He didn't talk a lot about the time with the Rangers, but you just realized he was a wealth of information, and one thing that he always was really good at around any of us, was he was a coach who was always evaluating your will, and how good you could be, and I liked that about Herb.

Q: Where were you for the Miracle on Ice?

A: I was in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and I couldn't see it. We [Maine Mariners] were playing that night against the Nova Scotia Voyageurs [in the American Hockey League], so I heard about it later on.

Q: Henrik Lundqvist?

A: A gentleman. And what a legend for New York. But what a gentleman, and a guy that just battled like crazy for the New York Rangers and for their fans. It's hard to imagine him in any other jersey, but we've said that about so many athletes, and you realize that that happens. He's on one of those 100-way ties for first place in great gentlemen I've met in sports.

Q: Wayne Gretzky?

A: He could pick your pocket and smile when he was doing it, and set up five goals.

Q: Mario Lemieux?

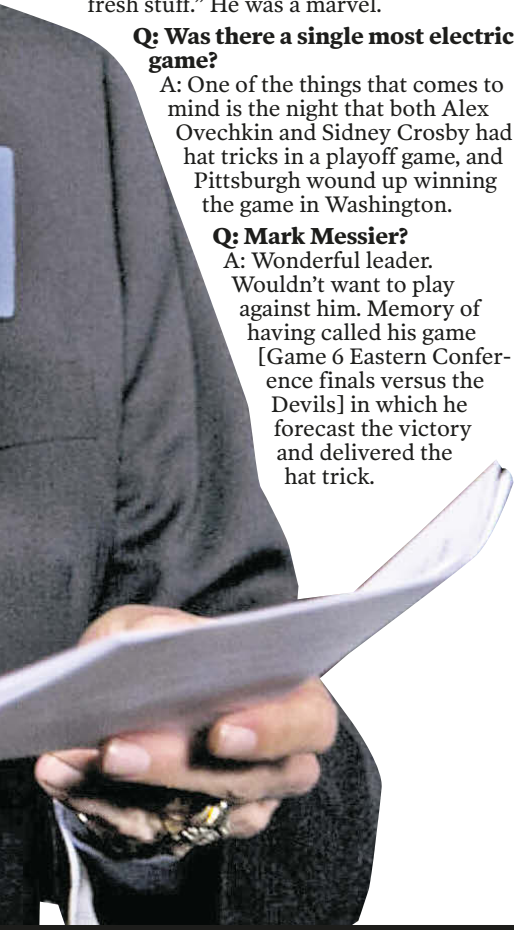
A: Just elegance beyond belief and a wonderful shot. And saved hockey in Pittsburgh twice.

Q: Alexander Ovechkin?

A: Bombastic and wonderful, and our scoring machine of this era.

Q: What are you most proud of about your career?

A: I'm not proud of myself, necessarily, but I'm thankful that I was healthy during all that time despite the cancer scare in 1991 and the surgery that resulted. I'm very grateful that I'm healthy, and I guess I'm proudest of the fact that fans still invite me to their Fan Club meetings, and I like either going or attending vicariously, because the fans are the backbone of the sport.



FOGGY AT THE TOP

No clear No. 1 pick for T'wolves in Post's latest NBA mock draft

The top three prospects are interchangeable, the entire class is maligned, and the draft has been delayed again and again by COVID-19. A lot can change between now and Nov. 18, but here is how The Post sees the night playing out:

2020 NBA MOCK DRAFT

By BRIAN LEWIS

1 TIMBERWOLVES

LaMelo Ball, PG, USA

The ambidextrous slick-passing guard with star potential has been rising of late. There's no lock top pick like Zion Williamson, and Ball is not the perfect defensive fit with Karl-Anthony Towns and D'Angelo Russell, but the trio's upside is huge.

2 WARRIORS

Anthony Edwards, SG, Georgia

The Warriors could trade this pick for a star to team with Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson. But if they hold it, expect them to go with the athletic wing rather than James Wiseman (or even the ball-dominant Ball, if he's there).

3 HORNETS

James Wiseman, C, Memphis

If the perception of this being a three-man draft is accurate, the Hornets' decision is made for them. Charlotte can't pass on the 7-foot-1 center with the 7-6 wingspan.

4 BULLS

Deni Avdija, SF, Israel
The skilled playmaking wing

rounds out what could be a solid frontcourt in Chicago.

5 CAVALIERS

Obi Toppin, PF, Dayton

The 6-9, 220-pound Toppin can dunk, shoot (39 percent from 3-point range)

and complement lottery-pick guards Darius Garland and Collin Sexton.

6 HAWKS

Tyrese Haliburton, PG, Iowa State

A 6-5 defender and a 41.9 percent 3-point shooter.

7 PISTONS

Onyeka Okongwu, C, USC

At 6-9, with a 7-2 wingspan, Okongwu screens, hustles, passes, rebounds and flat-out defends.

8 KNICKS

Killian Hayes, PG, France

Knicks fans may have PTSD from past French draftees, but the brass loves this 6-5 lefty teenaged playmaker.

9 WIZARDS

Isaac Okoro, SF, Auburn

This physically explosive wing gives John Wall and Bradley Beal a great running mate, and a different look from free-agent shooter Davis Bertans.

10 SUNS

Kira Lewis Jr., G, Alabama

The lightning quick Lewis

has already met the Suns twice in the predraft process. Could Phoenix develop the teen behind Ricky Rubio?

11 SPURS

Patrick Williams, SF, Florida St.

The Spurs are rebuilding. Grabbing the raw 6-8 forward with the plus wingspan and disruptive defense should accelerate that.

12 KINGS

Devin Vassell, SF, Florida St.

Back-to-back Seminoles. Vassell hit 41.5 percent from 3, can guard multiple spots and gives De'Aaron Fox and the Kings much-needed wing defense.

13 PELICANS

Aaron Nesmith, SF, Vanderbilt

After shooting a misprint-like 52.2 percent from deep this past season at Vanderbilt, he's the perfect fit to space the floor for Williamson and Brandon Ingram.

14 CELTICS

Precious Achiuwa, PF, Memphis

He doesn't shoot or read defenses well, but Brad Stevens can work on that. His versatile defense fits right into the Celtics' DNA and would've helped slow Bam Adebayo in the Eastern Conference finals.

15 MAGIC

Saddiq Bey, SF, Villanova

A plug-and-play, 3-and-D wing who can guard almost every position. That'll come in handy



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KILLIAN HAYES
PG, France

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NETS
DESMOND BANE
FF, TCU

for a team that lost Jonathan Isaac for the upcoming season with a knee injury.

16 TRAIL BLAZERS

Jalen Smith, PF/C, Maryland

He still has more work to do on a lower body that got his nicknamed "Stix." But a 6-10 big man who can hit 36.8 percent from deep will fit right into a Blazers team featuring Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum.

17 TIMBERWOLVES

Cole Anthony, PG, North Carolina

Even his ex-Knick father Greg admits his last season with the Tar Heels was inconsistent (18.5 ppg, 5.7 apg). But after the Timberwolves grab Ball, they double down and shore up their shaky lead guard spot.

18 MAVERICKS

RJ Hampton, SG, USA

He's not the wing defender Dallas needs, but the high-upside guard has tweaked his jumper with help from Mike Miller and is rising up draft boards.

19 NETS

Desmond Bane, SF, TCU

The Nets could take Hampton if available, or gamble on Aleksej Pokusevski. But with the Nets in win-now mode, the 22-year-old Bane is plug-and-play. He shot 43.3 percent from deep in college and provides a mature, 3-and-D guy for the rotation.

20 HEAT

Tre Jones, PG, Duke

Goran Dragic's injury in the Finals underscored how badly Miami needs an insurance policy. Jones is just that, and comes with ferocious defense that would make Pat Riley proud.

21 76ERS

Tyrell Terry, G, Stanford

The Sixers need all the shooting they can get with Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons. Terry provides that, despite a 6-2, 174-pound frame that could see his draft stock drop.

22 NUGGETS

Aleksej Pokusevski, C, Serbia

If the skilled 7-footer doesn't go to the Nets, Pokusevski is exactly the sort of high-upside, long-range player who would be on-brand for Denver, and a nice fit alongside Nikola Jokic. Just lock the skinny Serb in a weight room first.

23 JAZZ

Josh Green, G, Arizona

If Green slips past Dallas, he could wind up here. He can hit the open spot-ups, and add a 6-10 wingspan on defense.

24 BUCKS

Tyrese Maxey, SG, Kentucky

Shot poorly at Kentucky (32 percent on jumpers), but as defensive depth with talent, a winning pedigree and a stroke that belies his numbers, Maxey would be a decent pick for the Bucks.

25 THUNDER

Jaden McDaniels, PF, Washington

Just the kind of long, raw rangy athlete that Sam Presti and company have thrived on in past drafts. The rebuilding Thunder can be patient with him.

26 BOSTON CELTICS

Leandro Bolmaro, SF, Argentina

It's unclear if Boston will make all three first-round selections. But the 6-7, 178-pound waif from Barcelona B is a solid stash pick who could develop and not get lost in the Celtics' deep rotation.

27 KNICKS

Robert Woodard II, SF, Mississippi State

Another team that needs shooting. To get it, this wing who can hit 42.9 percent from deep and also has a 7-foot wingspan and 235-pound frame, might be too good to pass up.

28 LAKERS

Cassius Winston, PG, Michigan State

The Lakers have few flaws, but adding a guard who can space the floor and hit the open looks provided by LeBron James and Anthony Davis would remedy one. Winston has hit 43.2 percent from deep.

29 RAPTORS

Theo Maledon, PG, France

Fred VanVleet is a free agent bound for a big deal, and Kyle Lowry will turn 35 this coming season. A young guard who can play on or off the ball would be useful.

30 CELTICS

Isaiah Stewart, C, Washington

A 6-9, 250-pound shot-blocking rebounder, he's already a brute at just 19.

Giants seen maskless in bar video

By PAUL SCHWARTZ

A video of Giants quarterback Daniel Jones and injured running back Saquon Barkley at a bar without masks on Friday night is legitimate but it's unclear if they are in violation of the NFL's COVID-19 protocols.

Jones and Barkley, along with a few teammates and friends, went to dinner in Manhattan in a private room of a restaurant, according to a person familiar with the situation. After dinner, the group was invited by a bar owner known by the group to have a drink at a private bar, which is closed to the public. It was at that bar where the video, posted and shared to Instagram by someone who goes by the name of DJ Lugghead, was recorded. DJ Lugghead served as a driver for the Giants group that night.

The picture was captioned, "Rockin wit Danny dimes and Saquon." The DJ also posted a video of Jones taking a sip of a drink handed to him by an unidentified woman and another that appeared to show a man resembling Barkley riding a bike in the street. Barkley is set to undergo surgery next week after tearing his ACL on Sept. 20. He has been strengthening his knee ever since in preparation for surgery.

In a statement, the Giants said: "We are aware of the video that was posted. We are looking into the nature and context of what is on the video." An NFL spokesman said, "The Giants are looking into the matter, as will the league."

If there is any need for discipline by the Giants, it will come in the form of a fine. Under the league's COVID-19 protocols, players can be fined for conduct detrimental if they are found to have engaged in "reckless" behavior, according to ESPN, including attending a gathering at an indoor bar with more than 10 people without wearing a mask.

Jones, Barkley and the Giants group may not have violated these protocols, since they are tested regularly for COVID-19, and they might not have mixed with anyone from outside their bubble.

The picture of Jones and Barkley, both 23 years old, made its way around social media Saturday. DJ Lugghead, the original poster, told The Post the video was from last October and not Friday night. That turns out to be untrue.

"It was all posts from last year," the DJ said. "It's a memory that popped up from a year ago. That's why I posted it."

DJ Lugghead — whose name is Brian Castelli, according to the JBProLive booking website — declined to comment further when contacted again and informed of The Post's reporting.

DJ Lugghead said he played at Common Ground in the Meatpacking District on Friday night — the bar's website says it is open for 25 percent capacity indoor dining. The Giants group was not at Common Ground on Friday night.

The Giants, following their 22-21 loss to the Eagles, were given Friday, Saturday and Sunday off by head coach Joe Judge.

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KNICKS
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EQUAL TIME

**TV shows
just the
show-offs**

AT THE top of Thursday night's Giants-Eagles game on Fox, Joe Buck spoke a pretty good idea. With a 1-5 team at a 1-4-1 team, he said, "Let's throw out the records and watch a good battle in the NFC East."

Motion carried!

But Buck's plan was almost immediately abandoned by the inability of TV to allow the home audience to enjoy any football game.

The Eagles scored on the game's first possession with a QB keeper by Carson Wentz. Troy Aikman then treated the obvious with the obvious: "Well, that's the start they wanted." Thanks.

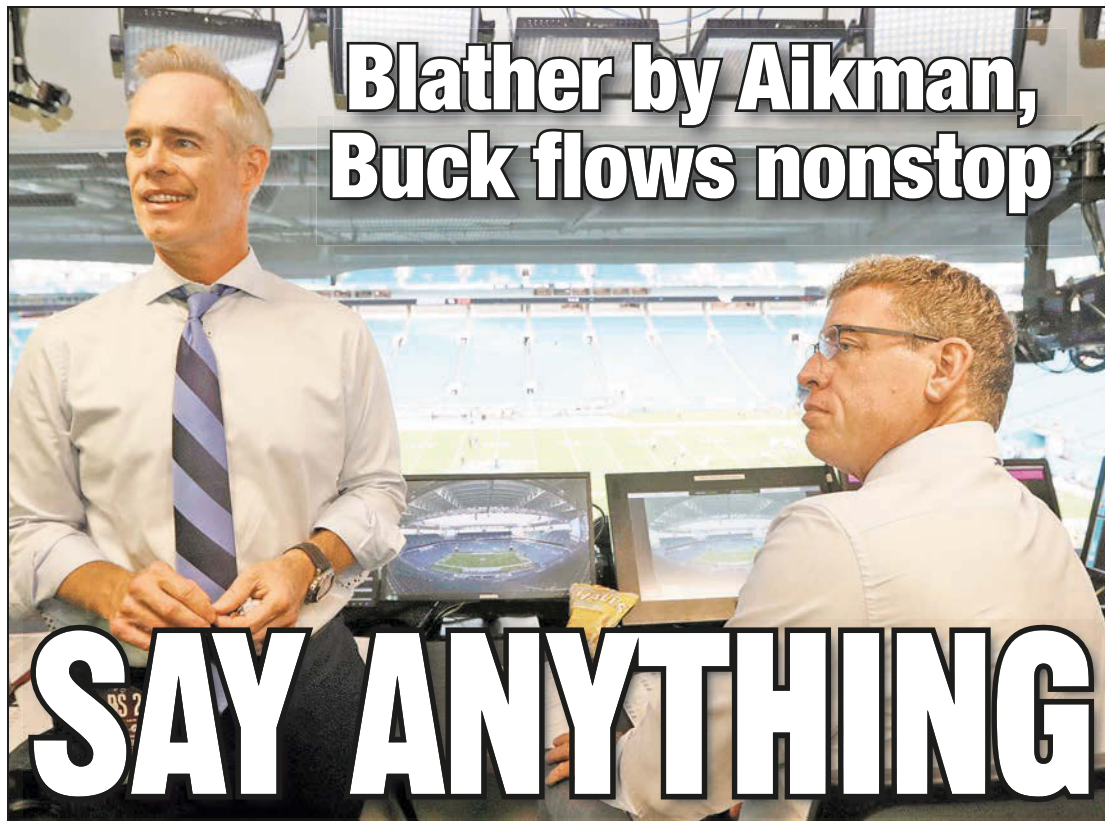
That was quickly followed by a Joe Buck recital of a stat. Buck would sound so much more football-enlightened if he ignored all stats. But he would recite his social security number if it were handed to him to read aloud: "Wentz," he exclaimed, "is now second in the NFL to [the Cardinals'] Kyler Murray for rushing touchdowns among quarterbacks."

So what? Buck just finished telling us the Eagles are 1-4-1!

But Buck could call another 300 games and still report all third- and fourth-down attempts and coaches' replay-challenge records as if they're derived from exactly the same situations — when that's never the case.

And during that opening drive, Buck expressed his admiration for Eagles wide receiver DeSean Jackson, no mention of his hateful, ignorant Jew-bashing a mere three months ago. Then again, Jackson wasn't a victim of bigotry, he was a perpetrator.

Later, Aikman seemed to nomi-



MOTERING MOUTHS: Between play-by-play man Joe Buck (left) and analyst Troy Aikman, the top Fox NFL crew seem willing to read any stat handed them, no matter how irrelevant, and make the most mundane commentary, no matter how obvious.

AP

nate struggling second-year Giants QB Daniel Jones for early admission to the Hall of Fame: "If you give Jones time and his receivers get open, he's as good as anyone in the league." Hmmm.

Late in the first half, the Giants were primed to receive a punt at midfield. There was 1:06 left, the

Eagles fourth-and-6 from their 13. The clock was running, so the Giants judiciously called a time out. Aikman: "Well, the Giants just burned a time out."

Moments later he said, "The Giants will now get another chance at this thing before the end of the half." So much for "burning" a timeout.

This is how it went. Pretty much the way it always goes.

Fox even had Alex Rodriguez on its NFL pregame show, as if his appearances on Fox's awful World Series pregame show would draw added thousands rather than discourage them from watching.

Why do some publicly react to Internet trolls?

EVEN when I was a kid, I couldn't figure why small KKK demonstrations drew protestors. Totally ignoring the Klan would have frustrated and disarmed them, leaving them to perform in an empty arena. Bye!

And yet we now regularly see and hear public figures publicly sharing their victimization by a few lowlives, or by a singular low life. No modern society is free from those given to cruelly but cowardly hiding behind and within "social" media.

Last week ESPN side-

line reporter **Molly McGrath**, who is visibly pregnant, went public with a singular tweet from a techno-vandal who ridiculed her appearance. Instead of ignoring such a stupid missive, she launched a long, soulful self-defense and a solemn treatise on expectant motherhood on Instagram, as if this one poster represents thousands of like-minded morons.

In other words, she took the bait.

We now see and hear this a lot, celebrities posting tweets attacking

their race, religion, politics, family, appearance, whatever a lowlife with time on his or her hands can do. They seem to relish such attention-grabbing victimization rather than dismiss it.

Why share such garbage with the public? I don't know.

I've received more than a few anti-Semitic emails. And I recognize that they're far easier to send than traditional letters, which take effort and postage. But I've never chosen to share them, as I know they've been sent by a creep. I de-

lete them. All gone!

➤ At the turn of the last century, as the story is told, there were two automobiles in the entire world. And they collided with each other.

This past Sunday, the Eagles and the NFL allowed a very limited number of "fans" to attend the Ravens-Eagles game, and thus it was easy for supporters of both teams to find one another. There was a drunken brawl in the stands, with lots of swinging room for those

eager to slug it out in defense of their teams.

The Eagles were the first NFL team to install a police booking station and jail within their stadium. Drunk and disorderly arrests became that numerous. And those wearing the jerseys of visiting teams were — and likely still are — the targets for assault.

Other in-stadium drunk tanks and booking depots followed.

What has **Roger Goodell** done about this? At 10 bucks for a cheap beer, nothing.

YOU THINK it was a mere oversight that Fox promos throughout the NLCS chose to "star" the Braves' **Ronald Acuna** as opposed to **Freddie Freeman**? Both played seven games. Acuna hit .167, but acted as if he had hit .360. Freeman hit .360, but acted as if he had hit .167.

Acuna is an all-about-me, posing show-off while Freeman plays hard, but modestly. Thus Fox only thinks it chose the star attraction.

➤ So a "struggling" businessman left financially devastated by the COVID crisis, as seen and heard in a **Joe Biden** campaign ad, is actually a wealthy man in no immediate financial distress.

That reminds me of a PGA Tour image ad, one in which **Craig Stadler**, never known for his cheery disposition, is seen escorting two underprivileged children to the San Diego zoo.

Turned out those kids belonged to a PGA executive — as this column years ago revealed.

➤ Game 2 of the World Series, Rays 6, Dodgers 4: 12 pitchers, 22 strikeouts despite the DH, five home runs, time of game 3:40. With an 8:10 ET start on a Wednesday night, half the country knew before it began that they'd never make it to the end.

But it's only the World Series.

➤ **Craig Carton** returning to WFAN? Very likely, very soon. For better or worse, he's allowed to make a living, especially with nearly \$5 million due in restitution — and even if the station is now overly reliant on gambling ad revenue and gambling chatter.

If he's hired, we'll see how Carton and WFAN work that out, but he's unlikely to repudiate what the station's advertisers sell.

And based on that HBO "documentary," Carton still suffers from a dangerous sense of excessive self-entitlement. He still thinks he's extra special.

➤ One more on **Doc Emrick**, from reader **John Ratowski**: When the tough guys came on the ice, Emrick would say, "Six Dobermans, one tennis ball!"



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: The Yankees must decide whether to re-sign free agents (from left) DJ LeMahieu and Masahiro Tanaka, as well as figure out what to do with Gleyber Torres and Gary Sanchez, both of whom struggled in the pandemic-shortened regular season.

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Winter of discontent

Offseason of difficult choices set to begin this week for Yanks

By GEORGE A. KING III

With the World Series heading for completion, the answers to questions facing the Yankees will begin to crystalize.

The organization began meeting this past week via Zoom and will continue this coming week.

The biggest decisions facing the Yankees are whether to re-sign free agents DJ LeMahieu and Masahiro Tanaka, what to do with Zack Britton's 2022 option, and deciding whether Gleyber Torres and Gary Sanchez will continue to be their shortstop and catcher, respectively. If they decide Torres and Sanchez are not their best options, the Yankees will be busy filling those positions in a financial climate that has been severely damaged because COVID-19 denied customers entrance to ballparks for the 60-game schedule.

Other decisions include whether to bring Brett Gardner

back and whether they should explore trade options for Adam Ottavino and Luke Voit.

The Yankees have three days following the World Series to pick up Britton's \$14 million option for 2022. If they don't, Britton can opt out of the \$13 million he is due for 2021 and become a free agent.

Free agency begins the day after the World Series ends. Players can't sign with a new team until five days after the World Series is completed. Trades can be made starting the day after the World Series ends. Contract options can be exercised or not within five days of the World Series ending.

Don't expect Giancarlo Stanton to opt out. There are seven years and \$218 million left on the 13-year, \$325 million deal he signed with the Marlins in 2014.

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This year's qualifying offer to free agents is \$18.9 million. Clubs have five days after the World Series is over to make the offer to their own free agents. The players then have 10 days to accept or reject. A player accepting the offer is signed for the 2021 season. If the player rejects the offer and signs elsewhere, his former club receives a compensatory draft pick.

LeMahieu is very likely to get the \$18.9 million qualifying offer and then politely decline it. The majors' leading hitter (.364 average) would like to stay and the Yankees need their best player to return. But at what price?

James Paxton and J.A. Happ are not likely to receive the qualifying offer, so they likely will leave via free agency. Luis Severino is not expected back from Tommy John surgery until June, so the Yankees have just Jordan Montgomery behind Gerrit Cole in the rotation.

It is possible Tanaka, who will turn 32 on Nov. 1, will return and slot behind Cole and in front of Montgomery. Even if Tanaka returns, do the Yankees need to add another starter while they wait for Deivi Garcia and Clarke Schmidt to develop? Where do they stand on Domingo German returning after he missed this year due to being suspended for violating MLB's domestic violence policy?

Trevor Bauer is the best free-agent starter, and the field drops off significantly after him. If the Yankees are serious about getting under the \$210 million luxury tax, Bauer is likely beyond their reach.

LeMahieu returning doesn't necessarily mean the Yankees can't move Torres from shortstop to second base. LeMahieu could shift to first base and can play second and third. If the Yankees deem Torres' defense a liability at short, they would need a replace-

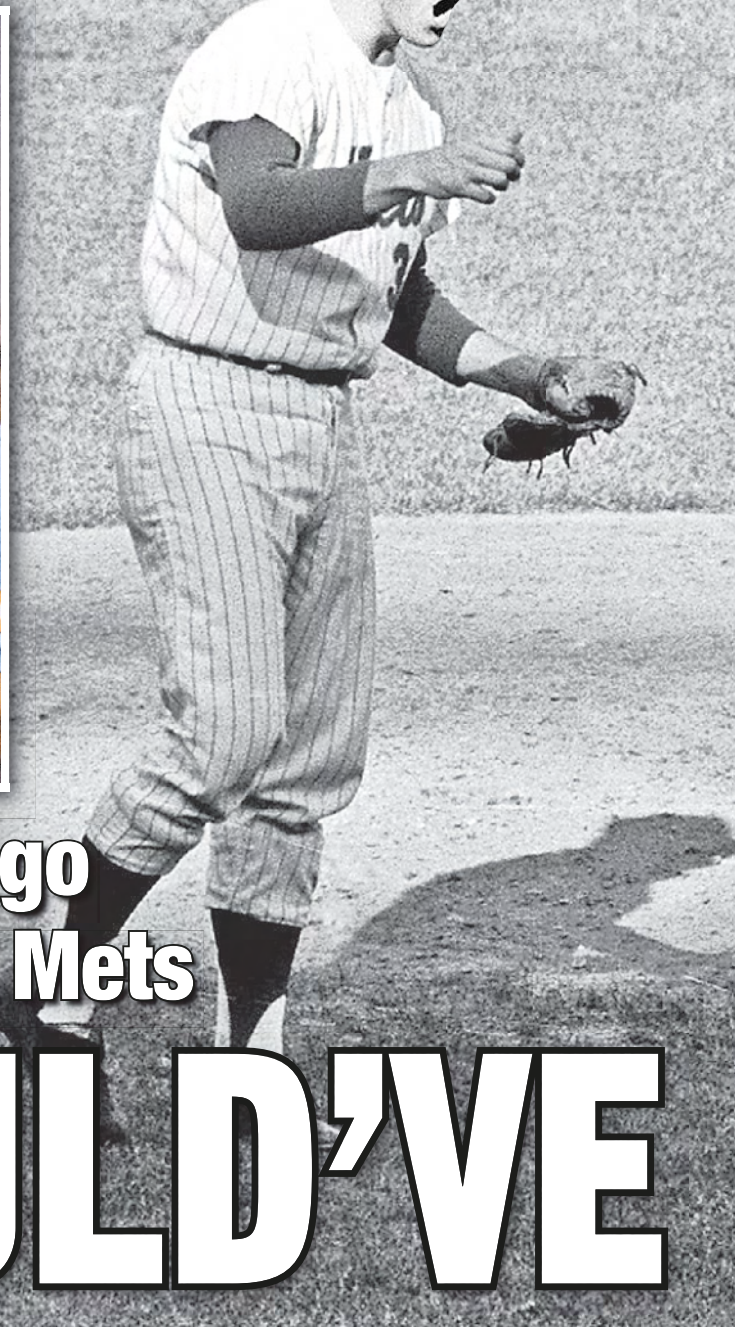
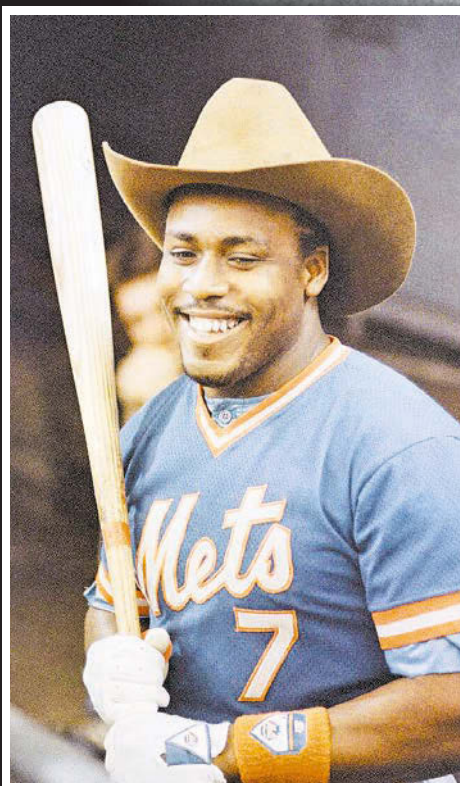
ment. The free-agent field includes Didi Gregorius, Andrelton Simmons and Marcus Semien. Cleveland's Francisco Lindor will be the subject of trade rumors. Tyler Wade is the in-house candidate at short if Torres is moved.

And what about Sanchez, who started just two of the Yankees' seven postseason games after hitting .147 (23-for-156) with 10 homers, 24 RBIs and a whopping 64 strikeouts in 49 games?

Had there been a full season, Sanchez would have made \$5 million. Eligible for arbitration, Sanchez would get a bump. The Yankees, however, could decide to non-tender the soon-to-be 28-year-old and make him a free agent. The possibility of a trade is slim after his nightmare season.

Gardner, 37, finished the season strong and is owed a \$2.5 million buyout if the Yankees don't pick up a \$10 million option for next season.

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These are the top 10 players to go on to greatness after departing Mets

WHAT COULD'VE

LIKE HALLOWEEN, Justin Turner shows up every October to haunt the Mets.

It has been seven seasons since Sandy Alderson took him off the Mets' 40-man roster, and this is Turner's seventh straight postseason with the Dodgers. On Friday night, he tied Duke Snider for the franchise record of 11 postseason homers, then topped it with No. 12 on Saturday as part of a four-hit performance in an 8-7 loss to the Rays. Turner has done this with 158 more at-bats than Snider, whose only postseason was playing in the World Series not multiple rounds.

But Turner still has claims as one of the best postseason performers in the club's history, with a .923 OPS in 70 games. He also has an .886 OPS as a Dodger, leav-



Joel Sherman

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ing him with a 139 OPS-plus, which is sixth all-time (minimum 3,000 plate appearances) in franchise history just behind, yep, Snider at 142.

This got me to thinking about who has done the best after leaving the Mets without much distinction. A ground rule: Like Turner, I wanted to limit this to mainly players with limited or no accomplishments with the Mets, who then transformed into something special after their exit. So that removes Tom Seaver, for ex-

ample, but also David Cone, Lenny Dykstra, Daniel Murphy and Tug McGraw. Hubie Brooks had a third-place Rookie of the Year with the Mets before going onto better things and Gregg Jefferies twice finished top six for Rookie of the Year before liberation from his Mets torture chamber.

The Mets, their fans and general manager Brodie Van Wagenen will close their eyes and hope Travis d'Arnaud and Jarred Kelenic never end up on this top 10 list:

1. Nolan Ryan: He had his moments with the Mets, especially with two brilliant relief appearances during the 1969 postseason. But he is nevertheless the before-and-after epitome, leaving the Mets for the Angels in their worst trade ever (for Jim Fregosi) en route to seven no-hitters, becoming the symbol of power pitching forever and the Hall of Fame.

2. Jeff Kent: After coming to New York for Cone, Kent actually posted two 20-homer seasons and a 107 OPS-plus in parts of five Mets seasons. Then he was traded for Carlos Baerga and became among the preeminent power-hitting second basemen in history, winning the 2000 NL MVP.

3. Nelson Cruz: Signed out of the Dominican Republic by the

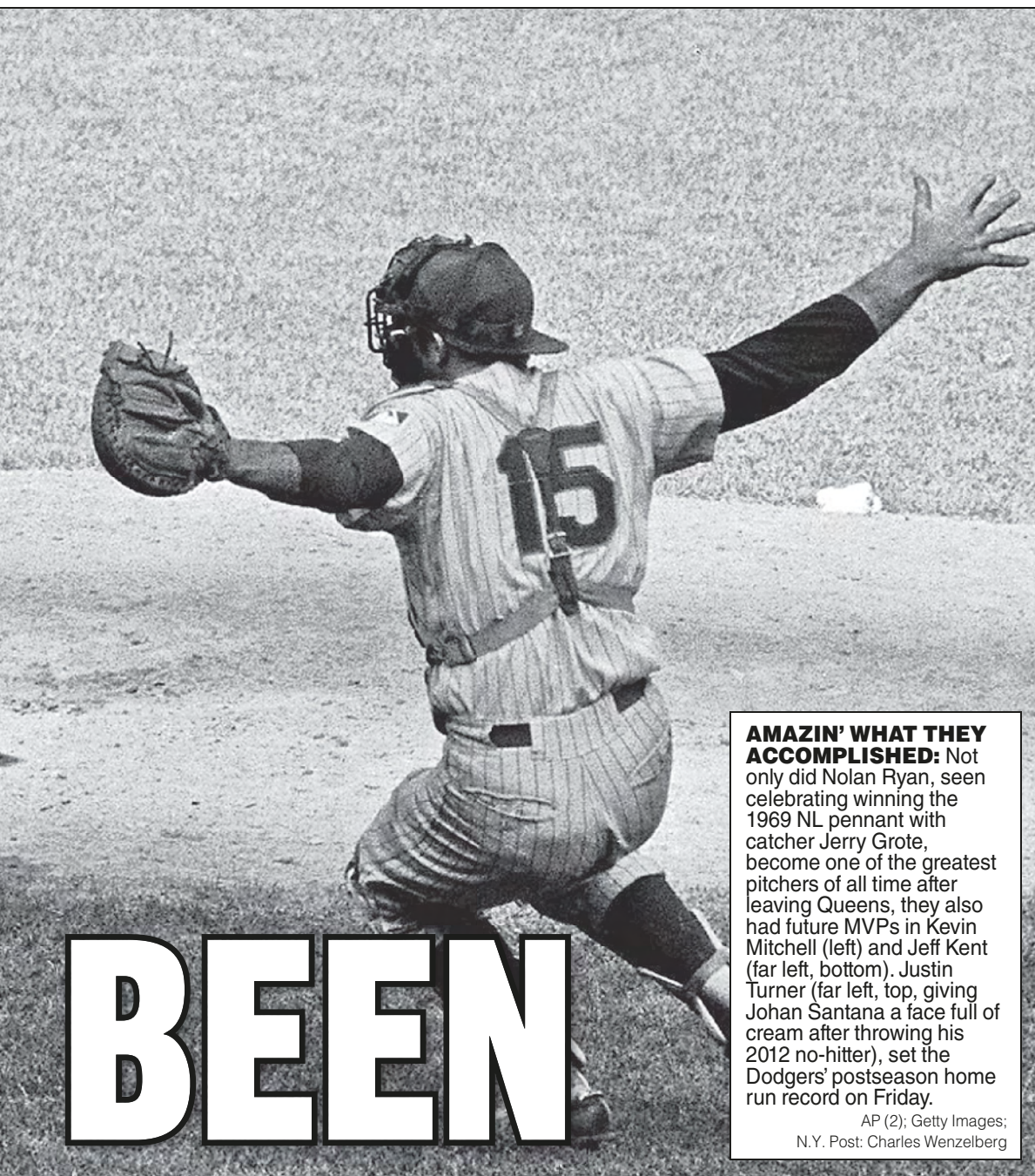
Mets in 1998, he never appeared for the big league club before being traded in 2000 to the Athletics for shortstop Jorge Velandia, who hit .149 in 47 Mets games. Cruz has 417 career homers and three AL MVP top-10 finishes.

4. Turner: Others may have accomplished more in bulk than Turner after he left the Mets, but the year-to-year impact he has had as a two-way third baseman who performs well in October elevates him to this place on the list.

5. Amos Otis: He had a couple of cups of Mets coffee before they turned him into Joe Foy in possibly the second-worst trade in organization history. For the terrific Royal teams of the late 1970s/early 1980s, Otis would have four top eight AL MVP fin-


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AMAZIN' WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED:

Not only did Nolan Ryan, seen celebrating winning the 1969 NL pennant with catcher Jerry Grote, become one of the greatest pitchers of all time after leaving Queens, they also had future MVPs in Kevin Mitchell (left) and Jeff Kent (far left, bottom). Justin Turner (far left, top, giving Johan Santana a face full of cream after throwing his 2012 no-hitter), set the Dodgers' postseason home run record on Friday.

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ishes and win three Gold Gloves in center field.

6. Jose Bautista: Within a few hours on July 30, 2004, the Mets traded Bautista (whom they had just obtained from the Royals) and Scott Kazmir in separate trades, before they had ever played for the team, to acquire Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano.

7. Mike Scott: He was 14-27 with a 4.84 ERA as a Met and was traded to Houston for Danny Heep. As an Astro, he won a Cy Young, finished second and single-handedly nearly kept the Mets from advancing to the 1986 World Series.

8. Paul Blair: The Mets left him unprotected after his first minor league season and Blair was taken by the Orioles in the 1962 first-

year draft. He went on to win eight Gold Gloves and is on the short list for greatest center fielders ever.

9. Ken Singleton: He would be higher, but the Mets did get Rusty Staub in exchange for the Mount Vernon native. Here is the list of switch-hitters who came to the plate 8,000 or more times in the modern era who have a better OPS-plus than Singleton's 132: Mickey Mantle (172), Chipper Jones (141) and Reggie Smith (137).

10. Kevin Mitchell: There were a whole bunch of closers to consider at No. 10 such as Rick Aguilera, Jason Isringhausen, Randy Myers and Jeff Reardon. Jim Bibby had a nice career after being dealt by the Mets and Jason Bay was a Met who went on to ex-

cellence with the Pirates and Red Sox before a horrible Mets return. And here is a hat tip to you, Melvin Mora, Darren O'Day and Octavio Dotel.

But the nod goes to Mitchell, who finished third for Rookie of the Year with the 1986 Mets, but was then traded as part of a large package to the Padres for Kevin McReynolds. The Mets, among other things, wondered if he was a bad influence on Dwight Gooden and Darryl Strawberry. Away from multiple positions in New York, Mitchell settled in mainly as a left fielder. He won the NL MVP with the Giants in 1989 to begin a six-year run in which only Frank Thomas (184) and Barry Bonds (174) had a better OPS-plus than Mitchell's 160.

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BROUGHT TO HIS KNEES:

Kenley Jansen reacts after giving up the game-winning hit to Rays benchwarmer Brett Phillips. It was Phillips' third career postseason at-bat.

AP



Rays manager Cash can't remember when Phillips last had at-bat

By MIKE PUMA

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Brett Phillips played the role of unlikely hero Saturday night.

The 26-year-old outfielder was excluded from the Rays' ALCS roster, but had a moment to conclude Game 4 of the World Series that will live for eternity, especially if Tampa Bay rallies to win the series.

"Give that guy a lot of credit, I don't know when the last time he got an at-bat was," Rays manager Kevin Cash said after Phillips' RBI single in the ninth off Kenley Jansen began a chain of events that gave the Rays an 8-7 walk-off victory over the Dodgers in Arlington, Texas. "Pretty impressive what he just did against one of the game's best closers."

Phillips' single was bobbled by Chris Taylor. The lead run scored easily, but as Randy Arozarena rounded third with visions of the game-winning run, he stumbled. The throw home had Arozarena nailed, but catcher Will Smith misplayed it and Arozarena scored.

► **Ji-Man Choi's** attention to detail in trying to become a better player includes pilates.

The Rays first baseman performed a split in fielding a throw on **Mookie Betts'** grounder to begin Game 3 of the World Series on Friday. A day later he explained the secret to such flexibility, which has been on display throughout the season.

"Pilates during the offseason,"

Choi said through an interpreter before Game 4.

Choi said his flexibility developed naturally, as a byproduct of trying to catch the ball at the earliest point possible.

"More practice with that I think has helped me with my flexibility," he said. "A lot of people think I'm a gymnast instead of baseball player, but I think that is a credit to all the work I have done throughout the off-season and in practice."

"The flexibility is the key part in any sport so I try my best to try to stretch before getting on the field. I think that has helped me to get more flexibility as the time went on."

The Rays are still waiting for Choi's bat to heat up after he helped carry the team in the team in the ALDS and ALCS, against the Yankees and Astros respectively.

He is 1-for-7 with two walks in the series, but that Game 2 hit was noteworthy: Choi became the first Korean player with a hit in the World Series.

"It's an honor to be the first Korean-born position player to be in the World Series," Choi said. "I think more important is being on this stage with this group of guys, especially with what we had to go through this year with all the pandemic stuff. If it wasn't for our players' dedication and hard work, I wouldn't be on this stage."


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HOLY SPLIT!

By MIKE PUMA

The 116th World Series lacked gripping drama until the middle innings of Game 4 on Saturday, when suddenly all hell began breaking loose.

Played at a fast-breaking pace, with the thought of a safe lead laughable, the Rays and Dodgers staged a classic at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, that showed both teams' resolve and moved this series into the up-for-grabs category.

Brett Phillips' RBI single off Kenley Jansen in the ninth and catcher Will Smith's misplay on the throw home gave the Rays a wild 8-7 walk-off victory to even the series.

"We needed something to go our way tonight and it did," Rays manager Kevin Cash said.

Jansen walked sizzling Randy Arozarena — who earlier in the game blasted his ninth homer of this postseason, setting the MLB record — to move the tying run to second base with two outs before Phillips singled to right-center. Chris Taylor bobbled the ball, as the lead run scored, but Arozarena stumbled rounding third. He should have been nailed at the plate, except that Smith mishandled Max Muncy's cutoff throw, allowing Arozarena to dive across the plate with the game-winner.

"I was actually trying to get back to third base," Arozarena said. "We had already tied the game, so if anything I was just trying to get into a rundown, but then I saw the ball get past him so I turned around and scored."

Cash admitted he was confused by the series of events.

"Everything happened so fast I didn't know what to do," Cash said. "I gave a bunch of hugs and was just in disbelief."

Corey Seager's bloop single to left-center in the eighth — his fourth hit of the night — gave the Dodgers a 7-6 lead. All seven of the Dodgers' runs scored with two outs, extending their postseason record to 57.

The Rays had tied it an inning earlier with their second homer in as many frames. Kevin Kiermaier unloaded against Pedro



Tampa Bay caps thrilling Game 4 in walk-off fashion to even Series

CLOUD 9! Brett Phillips flies around the bases after a single and error by center fielder Chris Taylor allowed two runs to score, including Randy Arozarena (below), after catcher Will Smith (inset) missed the throw home to give the Rays a stunning 8-7 comeback walkoff Game 4 victory over the Dodgers on Saturday. *Getty Images (3)*

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Game 1: Dodgers 8, Rays 3

Game 2: Rays 6, Dodgers 4

Game 3: Dodgers 6, Rays 2

Game 4: Rays 8, Dodgers 7
Series tied, 2-2
Game 5: Sunday
Dodgers vs. Rays
Game 6*: Tuesday
Rays vs. Dodgers
Game 7*: Wednesday
Rays vs. Dodgers

* if necessary

Baez, a shot leading off the seventh that tied it 6-6.

Joc Pederson's two-run single off second baseman Brandon Lowe's outstretched glove in the seventh had reclaimed the lead for the Dodgers at 6-5, continuing a frantic stretch.

"It was incredible, just one of those games where both teams were going back and forth and both teams were fighting," Arozarena said. "We were both fighting to try to win the World Series and nobody gave up."

Lowe resurrected the Rays in the sixth with a three-run homer against Baez that gave the Rays their first lead since Wednesday. Lowe, who hit two homers in that Game 2 victory, cleared the

fence in left-center against Baez, who had entered after Blake Treinen surrendered a leadoff single to Arozarena and walked pinch-hitter Ji-Man Choi.

The Dodgers turned it over to Treinen in the fifth, after Julio Urias allowed two earned runs on four hits over 4 ²/₃ innings with nine strikeouts and one walk. The left-hander Urias entered 4-0 with a 0.56 ERA in this postseason.

Kiké Hernandez kept the Dodgers' two-out scoring bandwagon rolling with an RBI double in the sixth against Diego Castillo that extended the Dodgers' lead to 4-2. Castillo created his own trouble by walking Cody Bellinger and A.J.

Pollock in succession.

Max Muncy's RBI single in the fifth put the Rays in a 3-1 hole after Seager singled against Pete Fairbanks and took second on a wild pitch.

Hunter Renfroe quickly reclaimed the run for the Rays, with a mammoth homer to left against Urias leading off the bottom of the inning. Renfroe's 444-foot blast was his second homer this postseason.

An inning earlier, Arozarena cleared the fence in right-center to establish an MLB record with his ninth homer this postseason. He had shared the record with Barry Bonds, Nelson Cruz, Carlos Beltran and Seager, who joined the list only

an inning earlier.

Seager unloaded against Ryan Yarbrough in the third inning for his second homer in this series and gave the Dodgers a 2-0 lead.

Justin Turner homered in the first inning for a second straight game — the first time in World Series history that has occurred — for his 12th career postseason homer, which moved him ahead of Duke Snider on the Dodgers' all-time list. Snider hit all 11 of his homers in the World Series, in fewer than half the plate appearances Turner has received.

Yarbrough lasted 3 ¹/₃ innings for the Rays and surrendered two earned runs on five hits and one walk.

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No getting rid of these Rays

ARLINGTON, Texas — These Rays are baseball's cockroaches. Just when you think you've exterminated them, they pop up again. And for crying out loud, you can't offer them any assistance in their pest-y plans. By popping up Saturday night, baseball's little engine that could propped up this World Series. Suddenly, we've got a bona fide Fall Classic here at Globe Life Field.

An absolutely insane final play, featuring a comedy of Dodgers errors, propelled the Rays to a legendary, walk-off 8-7 victory in World Series Game 4, knotting things up at 2-2 and therefore ensuring we'll hang around for at least a Game 6. The pressure now turns toward the favored Dodgers, who will send their icon and future Hall of Famer Clayton Kershaw, his October inconsistency part of his narrative, to the mound for Sunday night's Game 5.

"They were the best team all year in the American League. Those guys fight. They play the game the right way," Dod-

gers manager Dave Roberts said. "We've got to give credit to those guys. We've got to regroup and be ready for them [Sunday]."

The Rays fought like crazy in a ballgame that started off as another display of Dodgers money well spent. The Tampa Bay bunch erased three deficits, the last one in the bottom of the ninth against Dodgers closer Kenley Jansen, who has experienced more than his share of October turbulence over the years. Consequently, they now have erased a pair of deficits in games as well.

The Yankees couldn't shake the Rays in 2020 no matter what they tried. They lost the regular-season series by a one-sided 8-2 count, the biggest reason why the Rays captured the AL East. Then the Yankees fell short to the Rays in a five-game AL Division Series in five games. However, of the 11 losses the Yankees recorded to the Rays this year, none could match what transpired on this night.



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chaos ensued.

The Rays sent their playoff stud Randy Arozarena, who had drawn a walk, home — only to see Arozarena fall down between third base and the plate, a sitting duck, extra innings ready to go. Except that Dodgers first baseman Max Muncy, having received the relay from the outfield, pivoted and fired home, where catcher Will Smith somehow let the ball get behind him. Which, as Jansen didn't back up home plate, gave Arozarena the time he needed to come home with the game-winner.

With Rays on first and second and two outs, down by one, Jansen got two strikes on the little-used Brett Phillips, who was at the plate only because his manager Kevin Cash had essentially run out of maneuvers after a busy night. Phillips sent a soft single into right-center field that easily scored tying run Kevin Kiermaier from second base. Then, however, Dodgers center fielder Chris Taylor couldn't pick up the ball. Absolute

"That's uncharacteristic for us," Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner said.

Roberts, who has taken more than his share of flack for October tactics during his five years at the Dodgers' helm, said he erred by bringing reliever Pedro Baez back in the game for the seventh inning after telling him he was done upon completing the sixth. Baez wound up surrendering a three-run homer in the sixth to Brandon Lowe that put the Rays ahead and then, after the Dodgers re-grabbed the lead in the top of the seventh (which prompted Roberts' change of mind), served up a game-tying blast to Kiermaier.

"I take blame for having him go back out," Roberts said.

"We know we're good," Jansen said, "and we know we're going to come and win that game [Sunday]."

Easier said than done. This is the Dodgers' 14th postseason since last winning it all in 1988. To be victimized by these Rays, especially after this game, would represent a different sort of pain. They need two more wins to avoid that. To finally off these cockroaches.

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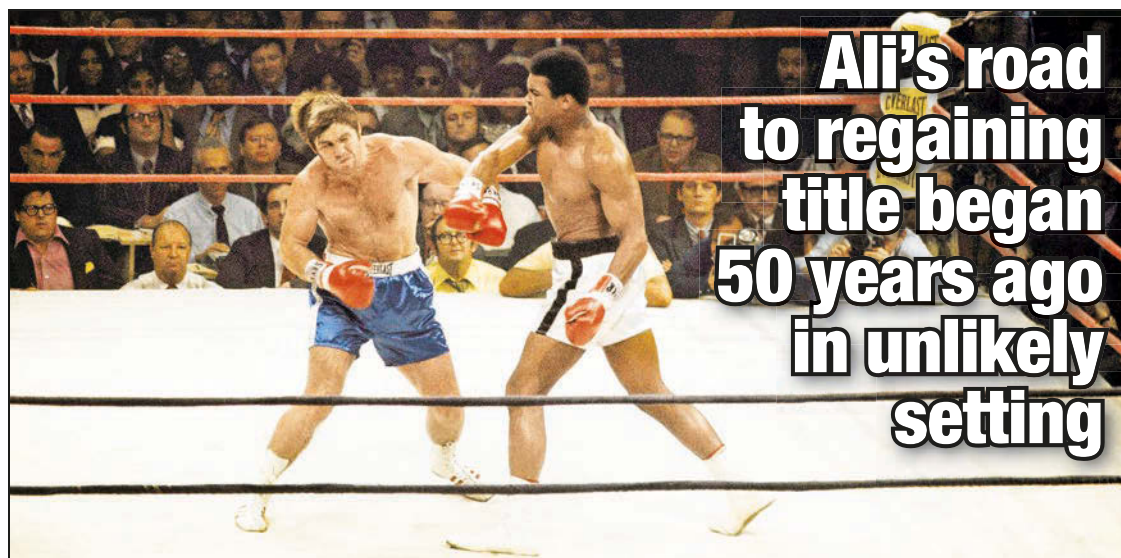


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WORKING OFF THE RUST: Muhammad Ali delivers a hard right to Jerry Quarry on Oct. 26, 1970, in Atlanta. The fight was Ali's first since he was banned from the sport for refusing to serve in the U.S. military. AP

ALL THESE years later, it is the setting that surprises most of all. Back in 1939, the Atlanta Municipal Auditorium had hosted one of the most glamorous events in the city's history, a ball to celebrate the release of "Gone With the Wind," the seminal Civil War-era film set mostly within its city limits.

But on Oct. 26, 1970, a different kind of happening was scheduled.

There were 5,100 tickets sold for the night's main event: a 15-round boxing match between Muhammad Ali and Jerry Quarry. This wasn't merely a sporting event, however. The last time Ali had entered a ring was March 22, 1967, when he knocked out Zora Folley in seven rounds at Madison Square Garden.

Much of the world — even the sporting press — continued to identify him as "Cassius Clay" before that fight against Folley. It was his eighth title defense as heavy-weight champion, and everyone inside the Garden that night — even Ali — knew it might be his last. For months, Ali had declared that he would refuse induction into the Army, citing his religious beliefs.

"This may be the last chance to see Muhammad Ali in living color," the 24-year-old Ali declared in the third person days before the fight. "So if you have always been wanting to see me, you better come to the Garden."

And indeed, on April 28, 1967 in Houston, Ali was three times summoned to take the soldier's oath and agree to become a private. All three times, he refused. He was stripped of his title. He was banned from the sport. Across the next three and half years he earned a meager living giving lectures on the college circuit and fighting a jail sentence, a dispute that would ultimately be resolved, in his favor, by the U.S. Supreme Court.

By the spring of 1970, Ali was older, he was thicker, he had lost what seemed certain to be his prime boxing years. The city of Atlanta was the first to grant him a li-

cense. And so it was that Ali-Quarry went on the calendar, scheduled for the Municipal Auditorium, which nine years later was sold to Georgia State University and today serves as its alumni center (now known as Dahlberg Hall).

Everywhere else, of course, this was the dominant sporting storyline. Ali was still a pariah in many circles, condemned as a draft dodger. Even before that he'd been a polarizing figure thanks to his chatty confidence and his conversion to Islam. Still, in an America in which boxing was king, his return to the ring was all-consuming.

There might have been a limited number of seats to witness the bout live, but in New York, there were 17,811 folks who damn near filled the Garden to capacity, paying \$7.50, \$10 and \$15 to watch a four-

sided screen showing the closed-circuit broadcast. The Garden cleared a cool \$201,000 profit that night. In a world before cable TV and pay-per-view, the closed circuit drew 14,000 to the L.A. Forum, 12,000 to Chicago Stadium, 10,000 in Miami.

In Echo Lake, Pa., in training for an upcoming bout, the reigning champion, Joe Frazier, decided to go to bed at 9 o'clock, skipping the fight, as his manager explained. "because everyone knew Clay would dominate the fight."

Ali did dominate, beating Quarry in three rounds, looking like he'd never been away. There was much sound and fury surrounding him, still, for his beliefs and his actions. But in the ring, Ali looked remarkably sharp.

"I knew from the first jab," his

trainer, Angelo Dundee said, "that I got the same fighter again."

Everyone else knew from Ali's first statement afterward that every other aspect of his makeup was back, too.

"I expect Frazier to be even easier," he said.

That came in March 1971, and there was no shortage of hype for what remains one of the five most ballyhooed fights in the sport's history, and one of its fiercest. Ali mailed-in one more bout before then, in December, a lackluster win against Oscar Bonavena. Frazier was there on the other side. And what happened from there ... well, it's history of the finest kind.

The path to that history began 50 years ago this week, in the most unlikely place of all. History happens that way sometimes.

VAC'S WHACKS

It is with profound sadness that I must report that **Jan Bottone**, whom I wrote about in this space on Sept. 12, died last Saturday. Jan's affection and affinity for the Yankees served as her most powerful medicine as she battled cancer, and her effervescence and engagement with many of the Post's writers and editors was always a source of light and happiness. Condolences to her husband, **Ross Sharp**, and her daughter **Jessica**.

► **Ben Reiter** was the Sports Illustrated writer who, three years before it happened and while the Astros were still in 100-loss-per-year hell, predicted the Astros on the magazine's cover as the 2017 World Series champs. Now he has put together what, so far, is a magnificent six-part podcast, "The Edge," which details Houston's rise and precipitous fall from grace across the past year. Absorbing stuff. Episode 5 drops Wednesday.

► I wonder if Mets fans are destined to look, longingly, at **Jarred Kelenic** in the same way Cardinals fans now must look at **Randy Arozarena**.

► Can there be a better New York sports villain — maybe ever — than a guy named Boston who plays in Philadelphia?

Bob Ballen: For those of us of a certain age, don't we wish the TV network would cut away from the Jets and switch to "Heidi"?

Vac: I think at this point we'd even settle for a remake of "Swiss Family Robinson" in lieu of another play-out-the-string fourth quarter.

Tony Sansone: Does Joe Judge

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have the phone numbers of Mark Bavaro or Bob Tucker? Both right now are better than Evan Engram. Jerry Reese's "gifts" just keep on giving!

Vac: At this point, I think Giants

fans would happily engage in an all-is-forgiven reunion with the young **Jeremy Shockey**, too. **@JBFOX508:** It's the same loser lament every season with the Giants. The only constant is that

the GM has not gathered enough talent across the board. The sooner he goes the sooner they can start a search for his replacement and maybe John Mara won't mess it up this time.

@MikeVacc: It is a growing point of curiosity what the threshold — if there is a threshold — Dave Gettleman needs to reach to be invited back for 2021.

John Jay: You should never use "Knicks" and "respectability" in the same sentence.

Vac: Sigh. Someday, maybe. Someday ...

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Seahawks 3 (55.5) CARDINALS (8:20, NBC)	★ Seahawks	Cardinals	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
RAMS 6 (45) Bears (Mon., 8:15, ESPN)	★ Rams	Bears	Bears	Bears	Rams	★ Bears	Bears	Rams	★ Rams	★ Bears

Home Team in CAPS ★ Best Bet Bye week: Vikings, Dolphins, Colts, Ravens Lines reprinted from Friday's Bettor's Guide. For updated lines, see Page 54.

Burrow & boys can hang around vs.

SUNDAY
BENGALS (+3) over Browns: Expect Cleveland QB Baker Mayfield to rebound from that disaster against the Steelers, but so long as Cincinnati's ace rookie QB, Joe Burrow, can continue to



Richard Witt
Game Day

impress with help from the likes of top-drawer young wideouts Tyler Boyd and Tee Higgins, the home side should be in this throughout.
Bills (+12) over JETS: Gang Green's seasonal inability to stay within striking distance of league opposition in anything resembling respectable league stan-

dards is a cause of deep concern. Still, any nod to the home side would be more a hope than a conviction.
WASHINGTON (-1) over Cowboys: We couldn't quite rationalize why the Cowboys reached for coach Mike McCarthy during their quest to replace Jason Garrett, but there you are. The Dallas roster is apparently superior — but in games that figure close, we're happy to fade a hornets' nest of dissention.
FALCONS (-2.5) over Lions: Detroit's Matthew Stafford and Atlanta's Matt Ryan have won a total of three games between them this season, frequently getting off to respectable starts, but having issues finishing off potential victims. The Lions have underperformed against the handicap in the past five meetings in this series.
Panthers (+7.5) over SAINTS:



JOE BURROW

New Orleans is yielding an average of more than 30 points per game. Former Saints employee Teddy Bridgewater continues to impress for Carolina, and re-

mains effective despite the absence of stalwart Panthers RB Christian McCaffrey. Matt Rhule can flat-coach. Close!
HOUSTON (+3.5) over Packers: Points-a-plenty anticipated. We're compelled to expect Aaron Rodgers will rebound off a disastrous start versus the Buccaneers. That noted, we're reluctant to lay more than a field goal against multitalented QB Deshaun Watson and the Texans' offense.
TITANS (-1.5) over Steelers: Two rock-solid AFC sides with spotless records clash, and we're compelled to take the home-field 'dog, quarterbacked by Ryan Tannehill, coached by clever Mike Vrabel and powered by the relentless Derrick Henry.
49ers (+1.5) over PATRIOTS: Though the Pats appear to have broadly recovered from earlier pesky COVID-19 issues, must respect the Niners — and can't

deny QB Jimmy Garoppolo would likely be delighted to make New England sorry they traded him to San Fran.
Chiefs (-9.5) over BRONCOS: Kansas City continues to enjoy significant advantages against the Broncos — who managed to take out the Pats with just six field goals. Drew Lock is underrated at QB for Denver, but this isn't an ideal matchup for the home side.
CHARGERS (-7.5) over Jaguars: This could be an awkward time for Jags QB Gardner Minshew to be facing any "fish or cut bait" ultimatums from the Jags' brain trust, since the Bolts are the primary AFC entity that consistently seems equipped to throw this foe into fits of frustration.
Buccaneers (-3.5) over Raiders: Give Las Vegas high marks for a monumental pre-bye win over the Chiefs at Arrowhead. Factor in potential pronounced

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Loftis	42	46	3	.478	13
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Cannizzaro	39	49	3	.445	16
Costello	37	51	3	.423	18

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Costello	9	7	2	.556	6
Serby	9	9	0	.500	7
Charleen	8	9	1	.472	7 1/2
Schwartz	8	10	0	.444	8
Cannizzaro	7	11	0	.389	9
Blezow	5	11	2	.333	10
Loftis	4	14	0	.222	12

Browns

reversions to the norm on both sides, and this could get tight — but the Raiders' offensive line issues, due to COVID-19, are forcing our hand.

Seahawks (-3) over CARDINALS: Arizona took full advantage of the Cowboys' crisis-level offensive line issues, as well as their yielding defense — but the Cardinals have more to prove than these hard-hitting, talented visitors, and this figures to be an acid test for Arizona.

MONDAY

RAMS (-6) over Bears: These two worthies have split low-scoring wrestling matches over the past two seasons. Good defense frequently travels better than you might expect, so this is a great opportunity for the Bears, but the best 'dog spreads disappeared early, and expect Jared Goff should escape with a win.

LAST WEEK: 6-8. **SEASON:** 43-39-4.

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POWER PACKED

TITANS running back Derrick Henry enters Sunday's AFC showdown against the Steelers in Nashville as the reigning AFC Offensive Player of the Week for Week 6.

If Henry remains on this pace, he'll be in line for a much more prestigious honor by season's end: NFL MVP.

For Week 7, though, Henry and the Titans against the Steelers represents The Post's Big Game this week based largely on the matchup between Henry, who leads the NFL in rushing with 588 yards, and the Steelers' defense, which is second in the league defending the run, allowing an average of just 66.2 per game.

The Titans and Steelers are both 5-0, which marks the sixth time in the Super Bowl era that two undefeated teams will have played in Week 7 or later. In the previous five meetings, the winner went on to the Super Bowl with New England (2004) and Denver (2015) winning the title. The Patriots won two of those games in 2007 and Minnesota won in 1973 before losing the Super Bowl.

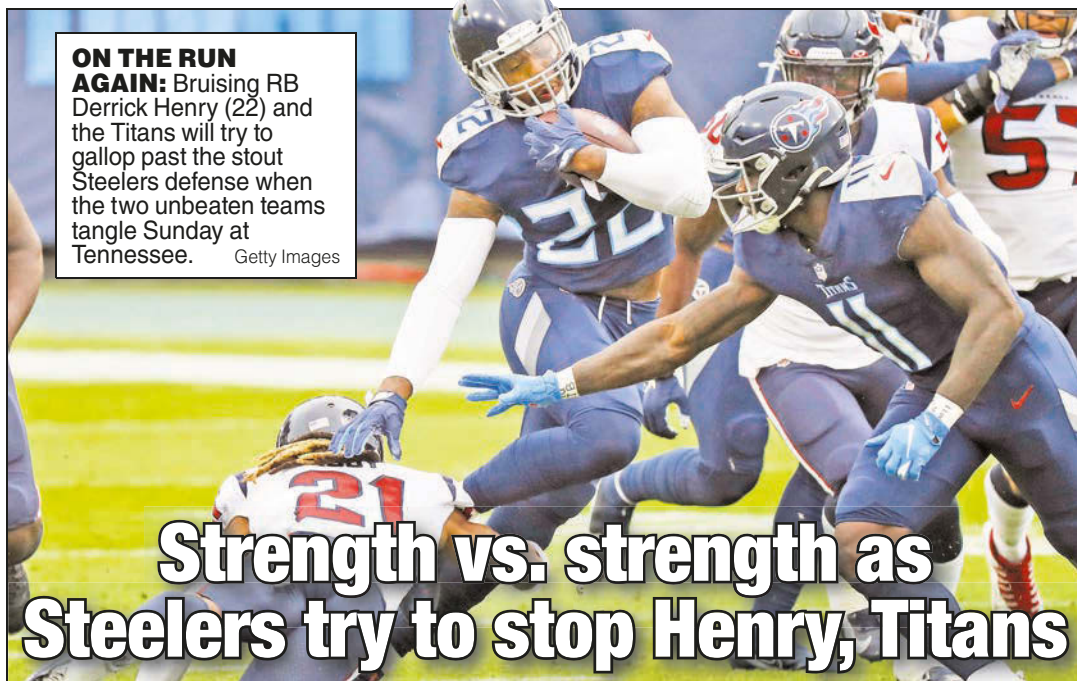
The Titans are undefeated through five games for the second time in franchise history and for the first time since they went 10-0 to begin the 2008 season. The Steelers are 5-0 for the first time since 1978, when they went on to win the Super Bowl.

This game was originally scheduled for Oct. 4 but was postponed because of the Titans' COVID-19 outbreak. The rescheduling by the NFL required both teams to take their bye immediately in Week 4, the Steelers' game against the Ravens was

ON THE RUN

AGAIN: Bruising RB Derrick Henry (22) and the Titans will try to gallop past the stout Steelers defense when the two unbeaten teams tangle Sunday at Tennessee.

Getty Images



moved from this week to next week, and the Ravens' bye was moved up to this week.

The Steelers' focus on Sunday is squarely on the Titans' 6-foot-3, 250-pound back who pounds like a fullback but has the speed of a sprinter. Henry is coming off a 212-yard rushing performance last Sunday against the Texans. The highlight of that game was his 94-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter, his eighth career touchdown of at least 65 yards.

Henry became the first back in NFL history to rush for more than 200 yards in a game in three consecutive seasons. Since Week 14 of the 2018 season, Henry has rushed for more than 170 yards in seven

of 28 games, including two playoff games last season. Dating to 2018, he has seven rushes of 50 yards or longer (second in NFL).

"It's really astounding that a back his size is capable of going to the house just about every time he touches it," Steelers coach Mike Tomlin told reporters this week. "Over the course of the last 10 or 12 games, dating back to last year, this guy has a highlight reel of big runs unlike which I have never seen over that type of a time span."

The Pittsburgh run defense should provide a stout challenge for Henry. The Steelers held Giants running back Saquon Barkley to six yards on 15 carries in Week 1, and last week they limited the Browns to 113 yards fewer than their league-leading rushing average. The Steelers also have produced 42 tackles

for losses, most in the NFL.

The Titans won't be helped by the fact they lost starting left tackle and top offensive lineman Taylor Lewan for the season with a knee injury last week.

The Steelers also suffered a key injury last week when linebacker Devin Bush went down with a knee injury.

Look for the Steelers to run-blitz the Titans, which is of one of its strengths and tendencies on defense. Pittsburgh clearly is going to try to make Tennessee quarterback Ryan Tannehill beat them, rather than Henry.

"They are extremely well-coached and talented," Titans coach Mike Vrabel told reporters this week. "It's been tough for people to run the football on them."

That's what makes this a classic matchup of strength on strength.

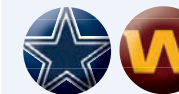


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NFL POWER RANKINGS
By Drew Loftis

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Team	Last week
1. Steelers (5-0)	5
↑ They play offense and defense, and have second-best scoring differential in league.	
2. Chiefs (5-1)	2
3. Ravens (5-1)	3
4. Seahawks (5-0)	4
5. Titans (5-0)	6
6. Packers (4-1)	1
7. Rams (4-2)	7
8. Bills (4-2)	8
9. Buccaneers (4-2)	14
10. Saints (3-2)	10
11. 49ers (3-3)	15
12. Cardinals (4-2)	17
13. Colts (4-2)	19
14. Bears (5-1)	12
15. Patriots (2-3)	11
16. Browns (4-2)	9
↓ Hope you enjoyed your brief visit to the top 10. Likely will be a while before you get back.	
17. Raiders (3-2)	13
18. Panthers (3-3)	16
19. Eagles (2-4-1)	18
20. Dolphins (3-3)	21
21. Cowboys (2-4)	20
22. Texans (1-5)	23
23. Chargers (1-4)	24
24. Broncos (2-3)	29
25. Lions (2-3)	25
26. Falcons (1-5)	28
27. Vikings (1-5)	22
28. Bengals (1-4-1)	26
29. Jaguars (1-5)	27
30. Washington (1-5)	31
31. Giants (1-6)	30
32. Jets (0-6)	32



YOU MIGHT recall the Great Wide Receiver Class of 1996: Keyshawn Johnson (Jets), Terry Glenn (Patriots), Eddie Kennison (Rams), Marvin Harrison (Colts) and Eric Moulds (Bills), all in the first round; followed by Amani Toomer (Giants) and Muhsin Muhammad (Panthers) in the second round; followed by Joe Horn (Chiefs) in the fifth round.

You might recall the Great Wide Receiver Class of 1985: Al Toon (Jets), Eddie Brown (Bengals) and Jerry Rice (49ers) in the first round; followed by Andre Reed (Bills) in the fourth round; followed by Eric Martin (Saints) in the seventh round.

And you will one day remember the Great Wide Receiver Class of 2020.

“I think it’s good as I’ve ever seen,” legendary NFL executive and historian Gil Brandt said.

This isn’t the time for young boys to start dreaming about becoming the Next Deion Sanders or the Next Darrelle Revis.

“All these guys,” ESPN “Monday Night Football” analyst Louis Riddick told Serby Says, “are



SERBY SAYS...
by Steve Serby

showing the things that they showed in college, and they are delivering. It’s cool to see, because young wide receivers are generally thought to have a steeper learning curve and take some time. I think it’s tired, but the old perception that rookie wide receivers have to get off the jam in the NFL and that’s the No. 1 thing that they can’t do ... nobody’s really jamming people. And these wide receivers are great athletes, and some of these guys are playing with real good quarterbacks, and they’re putting up real good numbers, and it’s pretty cool to see if you love offensive football.”

Henry Ruggs III (Raiders), Jerry Jeudy (Broncos), CeeDee Lamb (Cowboys), Jalen Reagor (Eagles), Justin Jefferson (Vikings) and Brandon Aiyuk (49ers) all were drafted in the first round. That was followed by seven more receivers in the second round.

“These guys were playing in offenses that many of the NFL offenses were integrating into their style,” Riddick said.

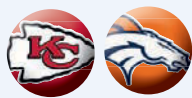
RUGGS (six receptions, 177 yards, one TD): He was slowed early by hamstring and

knee injuries, but flashed his intoxicating speed that Jon Gruden craves with a 72-yard TD against the Chiefs. People once thought Tyreek Hill wouldn’t be more than a gadget guy. “Jon will work with him, he’ll make him a good all-around player,” Riddick said.

JEUDY (17-266-1): Best route-runner in the class, and Riddick’s highest-rated receiver in the draft. “His ability to get off the line of scrimmage and just set you up in the route and at the break point, nobody was better than him,” Riddick said. “Nobody.”

LAMB (36-497-2): A highly competitive yards-after-catch demon. He plays with swag and believes the ball is his. “He looks like Secretariat against a bunch of trial horses,” Brandt said. Brandt was 9 when Don Hutson caught 17 TD passes for the Packers in 1942. “I compared Lamb to Don Hutson,” he said. “And also to [Marquise] ‘Hollywood’ Brown, but bigger and stronger than Hollywood Brown.”

REAGOR (5-96): Has missed the past four games following thumb surgery. “He’s a Bob Hayes type of guy,” Brandt said. “Bob Hayes could run fast, but he was strong. He’s got that lower-body strength.” Riddick liked Reagor’s speed and toughness and yards-



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Colts, Dolphins, Ravens, Vikings

Decisions fun despite 0-for-2s

TWO NFL head coaches spiced up our lives last Sunday.

Thank you, Ron Rivera and Romeo Crennel, for making Week 6 a little more interesting than it already was by taking risks with a couple of critical and controversial two-point conversion tries.

Unfortunately for both Rivera and the Washington Football Team and Crennel (at least during his interim status) and the Texans, their risks were not rewarded. But both provided compelling theater.

CANNIZZARO'S CORNER

By Mark Cannizzaro

The most daring — and most easily second-guessed — was Rivera's choice to go for two points and the win over the Giants. With 43 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter, Washington had just scored a TD to cut the Giants' lead to 20-19. Rivera chose not to attempt the extra point, which would have sent the game to overtime had it been good.

But when the pass by Washington quarterback Kyle Allen fell incomplete and left his team a loser, Rivera's risk took on widespread criticism.

"The only way to learn how to win is to play to win," Rivera told reporters. "The mentality has to be we have to do certain things to win football games, and if taking a little gamble is part of it, then that's what I'm doing. The players wanted to go for it, but it was my decision."

Good for Rivera.

The second controversial two-point try came when the Texans took a 36-29 lead over the Titans with 1:50 remaining. Instead of attempting the extra point to take an eight-point lead and force the Titans to have to score a TD and then go for two to tie, Crennel wanted to make it a nine-point lead and put the game away right there.

Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson threw an incomplete pass on the two-point try, and the Titans drove for the tying score in the closing seconds, forcing overtime with an extra point rather than being forced to go for two points.

Tennessee then won it with a TD on the opening drive of overtime.

"I felt like that would kind of put it out of reach for them, and if we would have gotten it, we would have been in much better shape," Crennel told reporters.

Good for Crennel — except for the final result.

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2020 wideout class will have teams playing hunger games for next year's receiver crop

after-catch ability, but was surprised the Eagles selected him. "Because Justin was still on the board," Riddick said.

JEFFERSON (36-537-3): "He looks like a three-, four-year veteran already," Riddick said.

AIYUK (14-165-1, 4-69-2 rushing): "A catch-and-run guy, a jet sweep guy who is great with the ball in his hands," Riddick said. "He is a big play waiting to happen. He's fun to watch." Comparable to 49ers teammate Deebo Samuel. "Probably more fluid as an outside route runner," Riddick said.

TEE HIGGINS (22-339-2): Joe Burrow's 6-foot-4 target. "He needs to probably be a little better at the 50-50 balls down the field," Riddick said. "With as long and tall as he is, he should be going up over top of people more often." Brandt concurred: "I didn't think he was a special guy. I thought he was kind of a guy that they threw the ball to him and he just jumped up and caught it up over other guys."

MICHAEL PITTMAN JR. (9-73): The Colts expect him back next week following calf surgery. "Real good high-point skills down the field, strong run after the catch, better playing speed than clock speed. You never saw him get caught from behind," Riddick said.

LAVISKA SHENAULT Jr. (26-280-1, 10-54 rushing): "They're using him in the wildcat, using him like a running back, using him in the slot, using him outside," Riddick said. "He's had circus-type catches where he showed you real soft hands, real strong at the catch point. ... He looks like a tailback. He is a Swiss Army knife that's gonna be a problem as long as he stays healthy. " A 6-1, 227-pound weapon for Jaguars offensive coordinator Jay Gruden.

KJ HAMLER (6-78): The lightning-quick Bronco is expected back from his hamstring woes Sunday against the Chiefs. "He can be a matchup problem inside, no question," Riddick said.

CHASE CLAYPOOL (17-335-4, 6-21-2 rushing): At 6-4, 228, he reminds Riddick physically of Calvin "Megatron" Johnson. "His size and his speed and catch radius is just something that Pittsburgh is going to be able to take advantage of for years and years and years to come," Riddick said.

VAN JEFFERSON (6-84): The Rams drafted him two picks before he might have gotten the chance to play for his father, Jets wide receivers coach Shawn Jefferson. "Very

good pass catcher, doubles as a return specialist, good route runner, sure hands, not the fastest guy in the world," Pro Football Network's Tony Pauline said.

DENZEL MIMS (0-0): Will be making his Jets debut Sunday against the Bills. Not as polished. "Baylor's offense isn't real complicated as far as what they asked him to do, the learning curve would be a little steeper for him, but he made some spectacular catches along the sideline, high riser, go up and get the ball," Riddick said.

And there are more on the way: The 2021 wide receivers class — Ja'Marr Chase, Devonta Smith, Jaylen Waddle, Rondale Moore, Rashod Bateman — is filled with blue-chip prospects. LSU's Chase is the cream of the crop.

"If you have the same number of underclassmen enter the draft as is expected," Pauline said, "it's gonna be really strong. It's gonna have better talent at the top, led by Ja'Marr Chase of LSU, and it's gonna be pretty darn deep. It may be just a notch below last year's draft class on paper, assuming the top underclassmen enter."

Brandt: "If last year was a 10, this is a 9½."



By RYAN DUNLEAVY

To play offense in the NFL in 2020, keep your playbook near a dictionary, a map of the United States and a list of baby names.

COVID-19 restrictions mean no crowds at most games, no secrets on the field and no garbled quarterback pre-snap barking on the television. It's not just defensive players who can more clearly hear every word at the line of scrimmage: Couch potato fans — and opponents — watching the broadcast hear enough off microphones to earn a decrypting degree.

So, changing code words for audibles and cue words in the cadence are more important than ever for an offense.

"That's tricky, and we try to monitor it every week," Giants quarterbacks coach Jerry Schupinski said. "You can't rearrange and have a new term for your guys every week. If you are not careful, they have those mics coming up over the huddle and you can almost make out the damn huddle call if you know what you are listening for."

Rams quarterback Jared Goff sounded thirsty as he screamed for "Water! Water!" earlier this season. Derek Carr trolled his Raiders coach Jon Gruden with an audible call named after his wife. Jersey sales of Giants great Victor Cruz should skyrocket considering the countless times Daniel Jones shouts "Blue80!" in any given game.

Wait a second: Do the Raiders really have a "Cindy Gruden" play call? Not necessarily.

"We would watch back TV copies just to see what words were apparent on the broadcast to make sure we changed them up the following week," said former NFL quarterback Brady Quinn, co-host of the SiriusXM Blitz. "It could be anything as simple as any boy's name is inside-zone run to the right, girl's name is inside-zone run to the left. Or cities and states. Or words with 'R' in them versus words with 'L.'"

Thank the mandatory network microphones taped to the backs of centers and guards for the enhanced television audio and the forced "heightened conscious-

ness" of verbiage, as Giants coach Joe Judge put it. Teams can pump in artificial crowd noise up to 70 decibels in fan-less stadiums, per league rules.

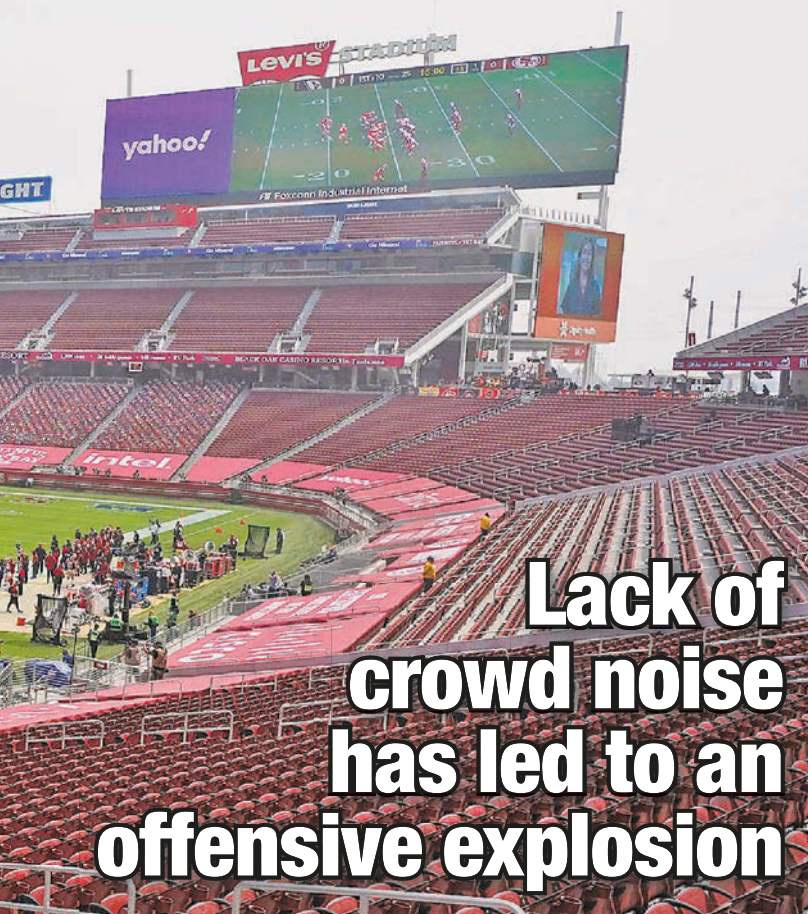
"It's damn-near-dead silent before the snap," Jets linebacker Jordan Jenkins said. "Some teams give fake calls and will use a run call in an obvious passing down. It's something you can pick up on, but you have to do a fair amount of studying because sometimes you might think, 'He said this, this play is coming,' and then you look like a jack if it's a totally opposite play."

Former Buccaneers quarterback Chris Simms remembers thinking the Panthers were attuned to all his audibles. A few days later, Showtime's "Inside the NFL" aired Panthers sideline audio discussing the signals, so he used those same words to mean something completely different in the rematch.

"Those are the mental gymnastics you do to screw over the other team," Simms said. "But it's very hard to pin signals to teams. It's not as easy as base-

SILENCE ... THEN BOOM! Aaron Rodgers (bottom left) is among the many quarterbacks who have taken advantage of the lack of fans in the stands at NFL games this season. Scoring is up to 25.4 points per game, which would be a record high for a season.

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Lack of crowd noise has led to an offensive explosion

ball. There's a fine line to when it's too much to confuse your own guys at the line of scrimmage and when it's just right."

Common sense says quarterbacks shouting into microphones should be a defensive advantage. So, why is scoring on the rise?

Teams are averaging 25.4 points per game, which is two points higher than the NFL's highest scoring season in 2013.

Quiet stadiums also mean no need for silent counts by an offense playing on the road, decreased likelihood of false-start penalties and other forms of miscommunication, and no frenzied fans to boost the defense's energy.

"Why are all these 17-point leads being blown this year?" asked Simms, co-host of "Pro Football Talk Live." "The offense feels no pressure anymore. On the road, there used to be crowd noise. Even when you are a home team down 17, there are no fans in the stadium so no anxiety or tension or 'Boo! You suck!' That's leading quarterbacks and even the

playcallers to not be affected."

Silence allows quarterbacks to weaponize hard counts to create free plays by getting defensive players to jump the snap (100 offsides and neutral-zone infractions). In Week 3, the Packers' Aaron Rodgers stole a key touchdown that way against the Saints.

"No silent counts, so guys can't really cheat on the snap," Jenkins said. "It makes the hard count that much more powerful."

Because the NFL is full of paranoid personalities, the legwork involved in masking calls starts in the video department, but makes its way all the way up the ladder.

"I've always been involved with watching TV copies," Judge said. "It's not a new thing conceptually. Just, in the big picture, I think this year is a little bit different in terms of the amount of things you can actually hear. You're looking for anything you can to help prepare your team and find an advantage."

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By PAUL SCHWARTZ

The problem with losing is, if that is all a team ever does, it is difficult for a coach to fix the many on-the-field problems when he first has to concern himself with soothing psyches and keeping players interested and engaged.

The beauty with winning is a coach can correct mistakes from a position of strength, pointing out areas in need of improvement to players working within a positive environment.

This is why cycles are so hard to break on the losing end and so much easier to maintain on the winning end.

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It is not difficult to identify where the Giants, sitting at 1-6, are on this spectrum. Every loss makes it more challenging to prevent the next one from happening.

If you believe in this.

Joe Judge doesn't believe in this.

"I've always been very blunt and honest from Day 1," Judge said. "Regardless of if it's coming off the field after a hard practice, coming off the field after a win or a loss, they are getting the same personality and feedback regardless. When you do something good, I'm going to highlight it and point it out. When you do something wrong, I'm going to show that to the team as well and make sure we correct it. Everyone has to learn the lesson."

"In terms of trying to use wins or losses at times to motivate or address players, to me you just have to be consistent on a daily basis. You don't have to wait for the right time to correct someone, the right time to get motivation for somebody. The thing is to be consistent as a coach every day, so the players know what to expect coming in. They've been very consistent and very repetitive the entire way as well, all of them."

"I understand what you're saying, I've worked for a lot of coaches who have said in the past, 'Hey, you can correct more after a win and after a loss you have to kind of pick them up.' I'm going to be honest with you, that's not really my personality. I think you just tell it like it is and people aware. They take the corrections as they come."

Judge's personality can be blunt at times, when it comes to alerting his players what he likes and does not like about their performance. There is plenty not to like with a team that most recently blew a 21-10 fourth-quarter lead to the Eagles, falling 22-21. It is not all bad when they lose, Judge insists, and



NOT BUYING IT: Though the Giants appear mired in an impossible-to-reverse cycle of losing, first-year coach Joe Judge doesn't believe that impedes his players from taking instruction. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Breaking the cycle

Losses mount as Judge tries to end Giant failures

not all good when they win. The Giants have only won once, of course, beating Washington by a single point, and so there is no concern that Judge and his coaching staff are soft-pedaling anything.

"I don't think it's harder for any of the players or coaches simply because I know the players and coaches we have in the building," defensive tackle Dalvin Tomlinson said. "Everybody, no matter what the result is, we're going to come in each day and work our hardest."

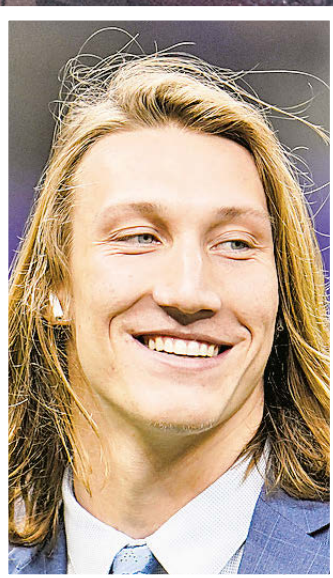
Through all the losing, there is calmness around the Giants, at least on the exterior. Their comments are muted, sure, after these close-call setbacks, but to equate the flat-line postgame demeanor to a lack of caring is not an accurate depiction of what they are feeling and how they are responding.

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"I don't think you can mistake the calmness for that we're not disappointed or we're not frustrated with how things are going," quarterback Daniel Jones said. "We certainly are when you put in as much work as we do and don't get the results. We're certainly frustrated. We're certainly disappointed. I think when you ask about the mood, we're in a position to bounce back to control our mood and make sure that's productive towards what we're trying to accomplish and towards what we're trying to do as a team. That's a challenge now and that's where we'll look going forward."

As they move forward, and if they continue to lose, Judge and his staff will have to find ways to keep interested and locked in, made all the more challenging without the luxury of winning to help motivate them.

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LAW OF THE LAND

Jets' reward for historic misery could be most celebrated QB since Elway, Manning and Luck

By ZACH BRAZILLER

JETS FANS have a glimmer of hope. Something to look forward to other than another losing season.

This could be a winless campaign — the worst season in this franchise's mostly ugly history — but there may be a prize waiting for Gang Green if 0-16 becomes a reality. Following the dreadful 1996 1-15 campaign under Rich Kotite, it was a Hall of Fame coach, Bill Parcells. In 2020, it may be a quarterback — a generational quarterback.

His name is Trevor Lawrence — the long blond-haired Heisman Trophy favorite from Clemson, a championship-winning 6-foot-6, 220-pound quarterback who has been considered the No. 1 pick in this draft for years, since he took Nick Saban's Alabama defense behind the woodshed in the title game his freshman year.

He's considered the best quarterback prospect since Andrew Luck in 2012, a player who can immediately lift a franchise. He entered college as the top-rated prospect in the country and has somehow surpassed the lofty hype that comes with that high ranking and the can't-miss label.

"[John] Elway, Peyton [Manning], Luck, Lawrence — they're in that separate category," Mel Kiper Jr., ESPN's draft guru, told The Post.

Lawrence has the complete package, analysts, coaches and scouts The Post spoke with all agreed. On NFL Sundays, Tanking

for Trevor has become a popular hashtag. He's already said this will be his last year in college.

Let his coach, Dabo Swinney, break him down:

"You want size? You got it. You want a guy that can run? You got it," he said over Zoom recently. "You want a guy that has a great football IQ? You got it. You want a guy that's a great leader? You got it. You want a guy that loves to work, loves to prepare, same guy every day? You got it. You want a guy that's humble? You got it.

"You want a guy that makes everybody else better, doesn't ask any more from anybody than he's willing to give? You got it.

"You want a guy that's accurate? You got it. You want a guy that's got great pocket presence? You got it. You want a guy that's got toughness and ain't afraid to go get a first down? You got it. You want a guy that's going to give you every ounce of what he's got? You got it.

"So I don't know what you could want in a quarterback that he doesn't possess."

THE SKILLS

Lawrence has lost two games dating back to his sophomore year of high school. He's played in four College Football Playoff games and has yet to throw an interception. He's started 32 games at Clemson and lost once, produced 97 touchdowns through the air and on the ground, completed 66.7 percent of his passes

and thrown 14 interceptions. He has elite-level arm strength and can break the pocket when it is required — his 107 rushing yards in the playoff victory over Ohio State last year is one example — while his ability to read defenses has improved considerably.

"Most quarterbacks only do one of those things well," Virginia defensive coordinator Nick Howell said. "He does all three of those things at a high level."

North Carolina coach Mack Brown said Lawrence is "one of the best to ever play" at the college level, and he coached Heisman runner-up Vince Young at Texas. Kiper doesn't have any concerns about Lawrence at the next level, citing his physical gifts, leadership qualities and football IQ.

Former Giants quarterback and SiriusXM college football analyst Danny Kanell said with most quarterbacks drafted in the first round there is a 50/50 chance of them reaching their ceiling. He raised that to 80/20 with Lawrence, and the 80 was

him being a Hall of Famer.

Swinney compared him favorably to two-time NFL Pro Bowl quarterback and former Clemson star Deshaun Watson, noting Lawrence is 3 inches taller and has a bigger arm. The same characteristics that have turned Watson into an NFL star with the Texans — his physical talent combined with his leadership ability and relentless work ethic — Lawrence shares. Like Watson, he's on pace to graduate in three years.

"I don't know if I would ever coach another guy like Deshaun that just loved to prepare and is focused on being great that he doesn't get distracted by other things," Swinney said. "And Trevor and Deshaun are the exact same."

In Lawrence's first two seasons, the Cartersville, Ga., native was surrounded by incredible talent, with 13 teammates taken in the NFL draft. This year, he lost four starting offensive linemen and his two best receivers. Nevertheless, he is off to his best start, with 17 touchdown passes, two interceptions and a 70.6 percent completion mark. The Heisman Trophy is his to lose.

In arguably the biggest moment of his career, as a true freshman facing Alabama, Lawrence threw for 347 yards and three touchdowns in a rout. He followed that up by leading Clemson back to the national title game.

"He can do everything that everyone else can do at a higher level — and he's a championship winner," an AFC scout said. "He is a can't-miss guy. When you have talent the way he has it, production the way he has it, character

the way he has it, that's usually why you are a can't miss."

George Whitfield Jr., the personal quarterback coach for Luck during his rise and a longtime private quarterback tutor who has worked with Cam Newton, Donovan McNabb and Jameis Winston, gives his former pupil the slight edge over Lawrence in arm strength and development at this stage. But Whitfield said Lawrence is the better athlete and he hasn't seen a quarterback prospect since Luck that compares with Lawrence.

"You take the sum total of what he is right now — tall statement — I think he's one of the 20 best quarterbacks in all of football," Whitfield said.

Whitfield has been most impressed with the strides Lawrence is making in terms of his on-field maturity. Stanford coach David Shaw used to rave about how Luck would make up for a bad play call or an offensive lineman missing a block by making the best out of nothing. He could avoid a sack and throw the ball away or use his legs for a short gain instead of committing the big mistake. Live to make another play instead of creating a bigger hole.

"Someone who lacks maturity is going to try to cowboy their way out of it. And now instead of third-and-10, it's third-and-25 because they wanted to be Superman in that moment as opposed to a first responder," Whitfield said. "That's what I'm watching now when I'm watching Trevor. Mitigating damage is everything."

THE DRIVE

Forget for a moment the rocket arm. Put the ridiculous statistics, his nearly unblemished record



"HE CAN DO **EVERYTHING** THAT EVERYONE ELSE CAN DO AT A HIGHER LEVEL — AND HE'S A CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER."

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and his physical prowess aside. Lawrence's greatest trait might be his desire — his competitive fire.

It was evident in last year's semifinal playoff win over Ohio State when he responded to a big hit by rallying Clemson back from a 16-point deficit. It was seen in a scuffle during an intramural basketball game, when Lawrence didn't like a hard screen being set and pushed his opponent to the floor. He detests losing.

"That's the type of mentality you want from your starting quarterback, not somebody cowering in fear because you get hit a few times," Kanell said. "You want a guy that responds in a big way and that's what Trevor Lawrence does."

Kiper often measures that intangible quality in players. It was why he was so high on Bills quarterback Josh Allen coming out of Wyoming. It can often be the difference between a prospect flaming out or thriving at the next level. How much does the player want to be great? How hard will he work to make it happen? After his streak of 366 passes without an interception was snapped last Saturday against Georgia Tech, Lawrence said his goal was not to throw a pick all year.

"To determine greatness in the NFL is how competitive you are," Kiper said. "Everybody who plays college football is competitive. It's are you a six, seven, eight, nine or a 10? Josh Allen is a 10. Trevor is considered to be close to that 10-range. That for me is a big indication if a player has bust potential is how competitive and how much you love the game."

THE HICCUPS

The one red flag evaluators

raised — strength of schedule — is out of his control. In his time at Clemson, the ACC has been abysmal, lacking a true challenger to the powerhouse Tigers. Lawrence hasn't lost a game in the league. In games he's started, Clemson is 24-0 against conference foes. Just two of those contests have been single-possession games and he only played a quarter in one of them. He often doesn't play in the fourth quarter.

He has essentially had four challenging games, and two of those were blowout victories in the playoff as a freshman. Last year was a different story, needing to rally Clemson past Ohio State in the semifinals before falling short in the title game against LSU, his lone loss as a collegian. In both games, Ohio State and LSU played press coverage and were able to pressure Lawrence, who completed just 51.4 percent of his passes in those games.

"You can make the argument Justin Fields outplayed him in that playoff game, and [against] LSU he didn't look like he could figure out what they were doing to him defensively," NFL Network analyst and former NFL scout Bucky Brooks said. "I think that would be a cause for concern."

Of course, that LSU team went undefeated in the rugged SEC and had 14 players drafted, six off its defense. The flip side is Clemson was loaded, too.

"I don't think you can excuse it that way, 'Oh, it was the LSU defense.' He didn't play well against LSU after playing pitch-and-catch all year in the ACC against outmanned opponents," Kiper said. "That's the only red flag. ... That's why I really want to

see him this year [in the playoff]."

LSU was able to disguise coverages to confuse Lawrence while getting him out of his comfort zone with different blitz packages, former defensive coordinator and current Baylor head coach Dave Aranda said. It was similar to Ohio State's game plan, except LSU was able to limit Lawrence to 49 rushing yards.

Yet, even after the loss Lawrence impressed those around him by how he handled defeat. He was gracious, crediting LSU while owning his own subpar performance. ESPN college football analyst Kirk Herbstreit recalled a conversation the two had in which Lawrence talked about how much he learned from that game, perhaps more than any of his many wins and brilliant performances. He bottled up the disappointment and used it as motivation in the offseason, and has come back by starting off as if he was shot out of a cannon.

"It just kind of tells you a little bit about how he's wired," Herbstreit said.

A peek into his character was revealed this spring during the pandemic. Lawrence helped organize a peaceful campus protest in support of social justice, has spoken up on social media in support of teammates in the Black Lives Matter movement and was part of a national group of college football players calling out racial injustice and the need for change on college campuses. For a self-described "white guy from a small town in Georgia," it was eye-opening, and for teams considering him as the future face of their organization, reassuring. To Lawrence, it was important he showed those close

to him their plight mattered to him.

"I think the way I operate and the way I try to live my life and treat other people is just to treat people how I want to be treated," he said over Zoom this week.

"I think that maturity is something that will make an owner, a general manager and a head coach feel very, very comfortable handing him the keys to their franchise," Brooks added.

THE FUTURE

There are no locks. Lawrence could get hurt. The Jets could win a few games. Sam Darnold could flash some potential upon returning from injury that sways the Jets. But as of right now, it seems like the two are destined for each other, the can't-miss prospect and the going-nowhere franchise.

There's no reason to believe Lawrence would disappoint. He's been under the microscope since he was a high school underclassman, ranked No. 1 in his class as a sophomore — the same spot he's in five years later. "To maintain that grade all the way through," Kiper said, "is something nobody does unless you're an Andrew Luck. John Elway did it. Peyton Manning did it."

Jets fans can only hope that if this marriage does happen, it has a similar impact on the franchise as that coach did following the brutal 1996 season. Upon his arrival, Parcells changed everything about the Jets. Perhaps Lawrence could do the same.

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TREVOR BY THE NUMBERS

35-1 Record as starter at Clemson

2 Championship appearances in his first two seasons, with one title

12 Games with three or more TD passes in past 14 regular-season games

8-0 TD-INT rate in four College Football Playoff games

83-14 Career TD-INT rate

14 Rushing TDs in 35 career games

1st Pass completion percentage in ACC in 2019 (65.8) and this season (70.6)

1st Passing yards in ACC in 2019 (3,665) and this season (1,833)

1st Passing yards per attempt in ACC in 2018 (8.3), 2019 (9.0) and this season (9.6)

1st Passing TDs in ACC in 2018 (30) and this season (17) — was No. 2 in 2019 (36)

1st Passing efficiency rating in ACC 2018-20 (157.6, 166.7, 192.7) and also No. 1 all-time (165.3)



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BRIAN COSTELLO'S GANG GREEN GAME PLAN

Reinforcements may make 0 impact on 0-6



We have not even hit the halfway point on the Jets' season, and already the coach-watch is on, fans are dreaming about the No. 1 pick in next spring's draft, and there is debate about whether this is one of the worst teams in NFL history.

Other than that, things are going swimmingly.

This season can't end soon enough for the Jets, but they have 10 more games. They will take the field at MetLife Stadium on Sunday against the Bills, still searching for that first win. At 0-6, it feels hopeless, but the Jets believe they can show improvement as they get healthier.

Quarterback Sam Darnold returns after missing two games with a shoulder injury. He will be joined by a pair of injured rookies, offensive tackle Mekhi Becton (shoulder) and wide receiver Denzel Mims (hamstrings), who will be playing his first NFL game.

The Bills (4-2) have lost two straight and will be looking at this as a "get right" game. The Jets must guard against trying to do too much as they desperately try to win a game.

"You're talking about it all the time as

far as staying in the moment, staying present, focus on what we're doing, how we're getting better today," coach Adam Gase said. "You know when we get closer to game day, its you're looking for the guys to do their job, you're looking for 11 guys working together, you're not looking for the out of body experience of, 'Hey, I'm going to do this and that's going to mean we're going to get a touchdown or turnover or cause a sack.' Whatever it is, you're just trying to get everybody to do their job, and when you do that, then that gives you the best opportunity to put yourself in position to win a game in the fourth quarter."

Gase enters this game clinging to his job. The Jets not only have been bad this season, they also have been noncompetitive. Gase's offense has scored six touchdowns in six games. At some point, team CEO Christopher Johnson is going to have seen enough and make a change. Gase needs his team to show some signs of life on Sunday to make the case he deserves to keep his job.

Getting Darnold back should help. The Jets are 0-5 without Darnold under Gase and 7-10 with him.

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MARQUEE MATCHUP

Bills quarterback Josh Allen (below) vs. Jets defensive line

Allen killed the Jets with his legs when they met in Week 1. He ran the ball 14 times for 57 yards and a touchdowns. He has not had as much success running since, but the Jets are going to have to watch out for him taking off and running through their defense. It is not easy to bring down the 6-foot-5, 237-pound quarterback.

"You've got to tackle the guy when you get your chances," linebacker Jordan Jenkins said. "I was one of the guys who let one slip. You've got to treat this guy like you're tackling a tight end in the open field. The problem is a lot of guys go after him and they get ready to tackle him like a quarterback. He's a stockier guy. He's a bigger guy. ... You've got to come knowing he's not going to go down easy."

Allen has had an MVP-caliber season so far. He has faltered a bit in the past two weeks, against the Titans and Chiefs, but he will be trying to get back on track against the dismal Jets.



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COSTELLO'S CALL

I keep waiting for the Jets to be more competitive. I think it will happen this week. Sam Darnold returns with more healthy bodies around him. They'll keep it close, but still lose.

BILLS 26, JETS 21



4DOWNS

Costello's keys to the game:



SAM'S SECOND SEASON: Quarterback Sam Darnold gets to restart his season, in a way, on Sunday. He missed the past two games with a sprained right shoulder. He is still experiencing pain, but will play through it (probably with help from pain killers).

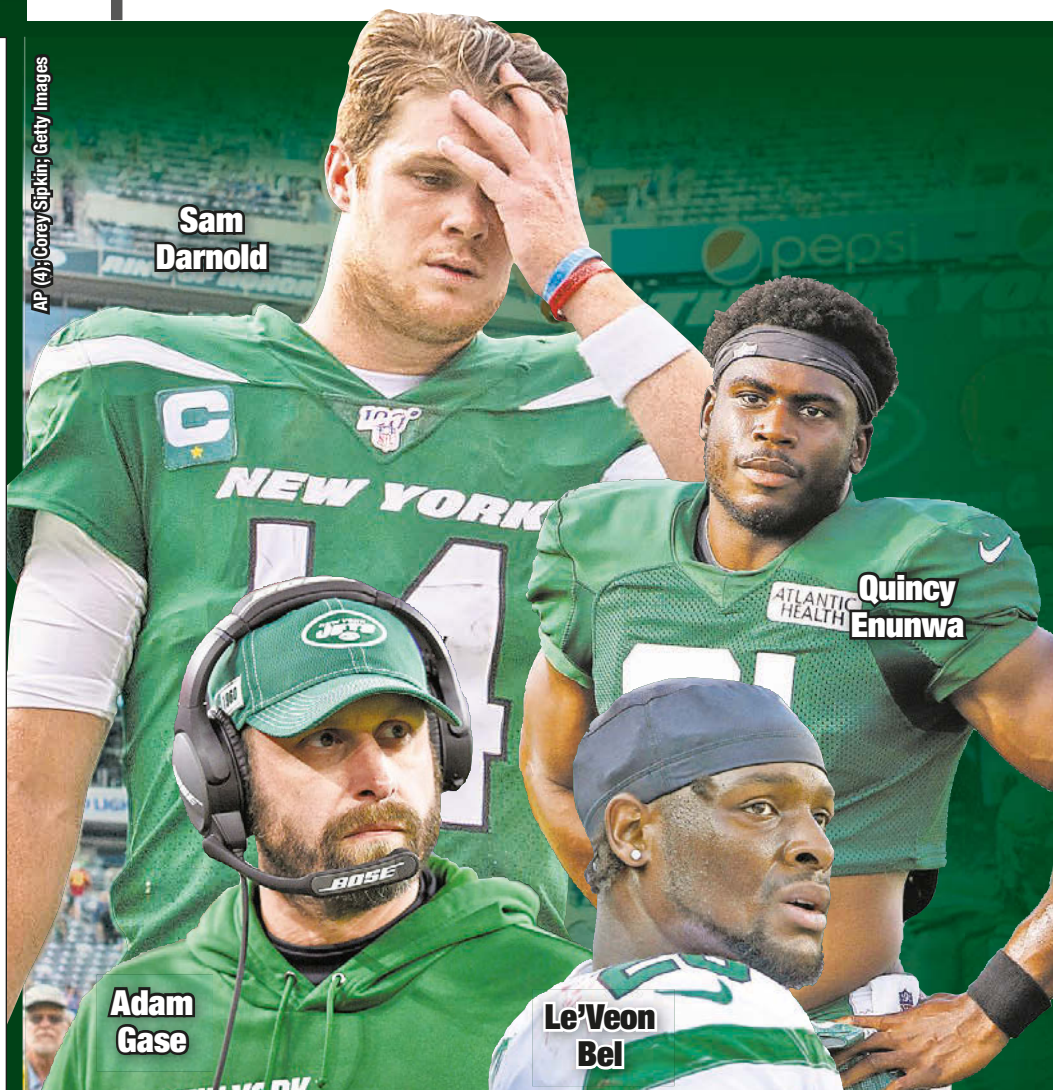
Darnold's third season has not gone the way he hoped. He has three touchdown passes and four interceptions, and is being asked

questions about the team drafting Trevor Lawrence to replace him.

"I don't think I've played well enough to win," Darnold said. "That's just shooting straight. We haven't won any games yet, so obviously, I haven't played well enough."

Darnold has 10 games left to impress general manager Joe Douglas and convince him he is the future of the franchise.

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Sam Darnold

Adam Gase

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IT COULD simply be that Sam Darnold will not be as good as Josh Allen. But we may also be witnessing further proof of an inalienable truth that if the franchise that begs you to be its long-lost franchise quarterback wraps you in a cocoon of competence, you will have a better chance to succeed than if that franchise leaves you on your own and seeing ghosts.

Allen (67.1 completion percentage, 16 touchdowns, four interceptions, 37-for-143 rushing with three TDs) has taken a Lambeau Leap in his third season while his pal Darnold (59.4 completion percentage, three TDs, four INTs, 14-117-1 rushing) has landed in quicksand, and an examination of how the Bills (4-2) and the Worst Team in Football (0-6) have supported and developed each reveals why.

Jets fans can only pray Trevor Lawrence does not view this as a cautionary tale, should he be the pot of gold at the end of

an rainbow following an 0-16 storm.

Darnold has been set back to a degree by injuries and mono, but there are more significant reasons why his growth has been stunted.

The won-lost record:

Allen: 19-14; Darnold: 11-19.

Bills owner Terry Pegula got head coach right with Sean McDermott in 2017; Jets owner Christopher Johnson got Adam Gase wrong in 2019.

That's huge.

Pegula, following the dysfunctional firing of former general manager Doug Whaley after the 2017 draft (in other words, he was Maccagnan'd), got it right when he hired GM Brandon Beane.

Johnson got it right when he hired GM Joe Douglas, even though it came after former GM Mike Maccagnan had drafted Darnold in 2018 then signed Le'Veon Bell in 2019 free agency, much to Gase's chagrin.



Steve Serby

THE BIG DIGGS: The Bills pulled off a blockbuster trade for wide receiver **Stefon Diggs** this offseason, and it is paying dividends already. Diggs leads the AFC with 555 receiving yards and has caught three touchdown passes. He had eight catches for 86 yards against the Jets in Week 1 and has gotten better since then. He has three 100-yard games and is averaging 13.2 yards per catch.

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"I mean there's a reason why in four of their wins, they had all of those explosive plays, and in the two losses, they didn't," Jets coach **Adam Gase** said. "He's made a huge difference for them."

COMPLETE CORP: The Jets may have their starting wide receivers on the field for the first time this season against the Bills. Rookie **Denzel Mims** is ready to make his debut after missing the first six games with hamstring injuries. He will join **Breshad Perriman**, who returned to the lineup last week after missing three weeks. The only question mark is **Jamison Crowder**, who injured his groin in practice on Wednesday and was downgraded to doubtful Saturday. If the Jets can get Crowder on the field, the offense will look more like what they envisioned this offseason.

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LINE DANCING: The Jets will have their fifth different offensive-line combination in seven games. Left guard **Alex Lewis** (shoulder) is out, with **Josh Andrews** starting for him. Rookie **Mekhi Becton** will be back at left tackle, which should help things. The line struggled last week against the Dolphins. Quarterback **Joe Flacco** got beat up in the game. The Bills have a strong defensive front, presenting another challenge for the Jets line. "It's not one player playing poorly, it's us playing together as a unit," offensive coordinator **Dowell Loggains** said.

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A LITTLE HELP HERE

Darnold,
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But here's a critical difference:

McDermott was already in place and had already broken the Bills' 17-year play-off drought the season before Beane traded up for Allen.

Darnold played his rookie season under Todd Bowles and overmatched offensive coordinator Jeremy Bates before Johnson summoned Gase (and OC Dowell Loggains) in an attempt to get his franchise quarterback to take flight.

McDermott fired OC Rick Dennison prior to the 2018 draft so Allen could be nurtured as a rookie by highly regarded coordinator Brian Daboll.

(Murphy's Law — if anything can go wrong, it will — was only getting started for Darnold and the Jets.)

At the important center position, Beane made Mitch Morse (four years, \$44.5 million) the highest-paid center in the NFL in 2019 free agency. Spencer Long started 13 games for the Jets in 2018. Jonathon Harrison started 10 games in 2019. Beane drafted offensive lineman Cody Ford,

currently the right guard, in the second round in 2019 and signed starting right tackle Daryl Williams, a player Beane and McDermott knew from their days at Carolina, in 2020 free agency. Maccagnan drafted tackle Chuma Edoga, a backup, in the third round in 2019 and, of course, left tackle Mekhi Becton with the 11th pick of the 2020 draft.

Allen's running back as a rookie was a faded LeSean McCoy. Beane replaced him with ageless Frank Gore (722 rushing yards, 12-124-1 receiving), 2019 third-round pick Devin Singletary (152-775-2 TDs rushing and 29-194-2 TDs receiving as a rookie, 71-270 1 TD rushing and 18-135 receiving this season) and 2020 third-round pick Zack Moss (22-58 rushing, 3-16-1 receiving in three games off the bench).

Darnold's main running back as a rookie was Isaiah Crowell (685 yards rushing, six TDs, 21 receptions). Then Bell arrived and was a rusty square peg in a round hole (245-789-3 rushing, 66-461-1 receiving) and had 19-for-74 rushing and 3-for-39 receiv-

ing in two games this season before he was released and joined the Chiefs.

The Jets are hopeful Darnold can return from his shoulder injury against the Bills with Gore and La'Michal Perine, a fourth-round pick, behind him.

Allen's starting receivers as a rookie were Kelvin Benjamin and Zay Jones. Not good enough.

Darnold's receivers as a rookie were the young Robby Anderson, Quincy Enunwa and Jermaine Kearse. Not good enough.

Enunwa had showed enough promise for Maccagnan to give him a four-year, \$36 million deal. The receiver suffered a career-ending neck injury in the 2019 opener.

Though the Jets signed WR Jamison Crowder in 2019 free agency, the Bills added WRs John Brown, a deep threat, and Cole Beasley. Beane labeled Beasley, "a quarterback's best friend." Maccagnan had signed WR Terrelle Pryor (14-235-2) and KR/WR Andre Roberts (10-79-1) in 2018 (before releasing Pryor in October with a groin injury), and signed WR Josh

Bellamy (2-20) in 2019. Roberts is now almost exclusively a returner for the Bills.

But the single biggest difference-making move, which helped Allen and signified the Bills' win-now aggressiveness, came this offseason when Beane traded the 22nd-overall draft pick, fifth- and sixth-rounders and a 2021 fourth-rounder for WR Stefon Diggs (26-403-2 this season) and a 2020 seventh-rounder.

Douglas let Anderson bolt to the Panthers (28-377-1 this season) and signed Breshad Perriman for \$2 million less to replace him and drafted WR Denzel Mims in the second round. Perriman (9-91) returned last week from an ankle sprain and Mims (hamstrings) will make his NFL debut Sunday.

Douglas had promised Darnold's parents he would protect their boy, and drafting Becton helps. But his overhauling of the offensive line isn't finished.

The sad reality for Darnold is there is no way of knowing right now whether he will see its finish.

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